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## EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS NOW SAID TO NUMBER 115,000

**Extensive Relief Measures For Sufferers in Stricken  
Towns and Communes--Noble Work Done  
By Queen Helena.**

Rome, Jan. 2.—Exact statistics of the dead and injured in the Mediterranean earthquake are still impossible to obtain, because all the dead bodies buried under the ruins have not yet been exhumed. It is equally impossible to make any accurate account of the survivors, for they are to-day scattered from one end of the country to the other. The only figures that can be given are reached by calculating the total population before the disaster and subtracting therefrom the numbers that are supposed to have survived. The result is, of course, approximate. On this basis is made the estimate that about 25,000 people have left Messina and the Messina commune. As the total population of the city and the commune was about 155,000, and as there are still about 15,000 people in the district, the dead probably amount to 115,000.

The victims are increasing daily, not only through the dying of injured, but also by the many suicides committed by despondent survivors, whose minds have given way under their terrible experiences.

The following sent by Wm. H. Bishop, the American consul at Palermo, on Wednesday evening at 8.45 o'clock to the Associated Press here, reached Rome early this morning: "No news regarding Arthur S. Cheney, American consul at Messina. It is believed that he and his wife died together, the consulate at Messina having collapsed. Mr. Lupton, the new American vice-consul at Messina, was seen shortly after the disaster, but no answer has been received to telegrams sent him."

The American gunboat Scorpion will arrive at Messina on Monday, and with other foreign ships will

Transport Refugees from the affected districts, carrying messages and co-operating in all possible ways with the authorities in alleviating the distress.

Returning from a visit to the Calabria coast, north of Reggio, King Victor Emmanuel sent the following telegram to Premier Giolitti: "I have visited Catanzaro, eight miles north of Reggio, which was literally razed to the ground. Villa San Giovanni also was destroyed. As at Messina, the rescue work is well organized. The fires at Messina have now been reduced to small proportions. Three other British and three French warships have arrived at Messina."

In compliance with the orders of the King that the Royal Palace at Caserta and Naples be placed at the disposal of the wounded, one hundred injured persons from Messina already are occupying a portion of the San Ferdinando Palace, the Royal Palace providing everything. The Duchess of Aosta has transformed into a hospital the large hall of her palace at Capo De Monte. The Duke of Aosta has now gone to Reggio, where he is continuing his work of

Alleviating Distress and giving encouragement to the natives.

It is stated here that a train, which left Reggio early on the morning of the earthquake, carrying passengers, and of which nothing has been heard since, was overwhelmed by the tidal wave following the earthquake. Almost all of the people of Reggio and Messina, it is said, are making up their minds to abandon their beloved cities.

As an indication of the progress that is being made in bringing order out of chaos, the railway line from Reggio to Catanzaro was again in operation last night. There is a break in the line, however, of six hundred and fifty feet, over which passengers and freight must be transferred from one train to another. The distribution of food also is being made more regularly in the afflicted districts and many of the starving people

therefore, have been relieved temporarily. Many persons living along the coast of Calabria and Sicily, middle-out in canoes to the large steamers passing through the straits and receive food from them.

It is said that nobody in Italy envies King Victor Emmanuel his errand of mercy more than does Pope Pius, who always has felt that his place was with the stricken earthquake sufferers. Having been prevented from going there, his Holiness has tried to keep in touch with the prevailing conditions as much as possible, and has offered the bishops of the afflicted zone all that he could give. His latest gift has been another \$200,000.

The Pontiff never so much regretted the loss of the liberty he enjoyed as patriarch of Venice. Now is the time that he would like again to be free again to

Pawn his Pectoral Cross for the benefit of suffering mankind. Financial contributions for the relief of the sufferers have come in so generously from the United States that Ambassador Griscomb, who has been notified of these donations, is to-day taking a prominent part in the relief work being organized in Rome. The ambassador was required to give his opinion regarding the best methods to apply this American success. He said:

"The work of relief is difficult owing to geographical conditions. There is only one railroad line running from

Naples to Southern Italy. This is necessarily

Choked by Troops. In the government service, and the handling of state relief supplies, consequently most of the outside relief work must come to stricken area by sea. This is why the King, telegraphing from the scene of the disaster to Premier Giolitti, said that ships were needed more than anything else. A practical means of getting in relief offered by the United States would be to charter one or more steamships in Genoa or Marseilles, place aboard them doctors and trained nurses and dispatch them at once for the strait of Messina. Here the workmen would put themselves at the disposal of the authorities.

"The poverty of the country where the disaster occurred makes it imperative

To Remove the Survivors at once to such distant points as Naples, Leghorn, Genoa or ports even farther up the coast, and I am safe in saying that there is not at present any limit to the amount of sea transportation needed.

"A committee could be formed of Americans in Rome which would co-operate with a central national commission in New York for the prompt expedition of relief. This need not in any way interfere with the contributions of Americans to the relief committee appointed by King Victor Emmanuel.

"Immediate action, however, is imperative and if such a suggestion as this is to be of value, it should be put into operation at once. All the arrangements could be completed by cable in a few hours. The steamers thus dispatched from Genoa, Marseilles, etc., could be loaded with food supplies of all kinds as well as tents, blankets, clothing and surgical and medical supplies. All these things are greatly needed in the afflicted region, and the amount that could be sent in is limited only by the means placed at the disposal of the committee."

Senor Srao, the proprietor of the house in Messina, where A. J. Ogston, the English consul resided, arrived here today. He says that outside the consulate there has not been an American resident in Messina for forty years past. The part of the house where Srao lived did not fall. The Italian rushed out immediately following the shock, and met Stuart K. Lupton, the American vice consul, on the street.

Together the two men made their way to the American consulate. They found it had

Collapsed Completely, and they came to the conclusion that A. S. Cheney, the consul and his wife were dead. They made a hurried but unsuccessful search for the bodies.

Continuing, Srao says, that with Mr. Lupton he satisfied himself that the guests at the Hotel Trinacria, which was

Completely Demolished, were all saved with the exception of the Swedish consul and an Italian girl. He does not believe that there were any Americans at this hotel.

Taormina, where there were a number of tourists, is absolutely safe. It did not suffer from the earthquake in any serious way.

The Anglo-American Club of Rome has organized a committee of relief of which Annus Honey, of Newport, R. I., is chairman. The club has sent a party of doctors and nurses to Sicily to care for the injured and distribute supplies. Dr. Clark, pastor of the American Methodist church in Rome, left here to-day for Sicily at the head of a party of Italian nurses.

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## THIRTY-FIVE MILLIONS IN OLD AGE PENSIONS

**Great Britain's New Burden  
Which Became Operative  
Yesterday.**

London, Jan. 2.—Postmasters throughout the United Kingdom have commenced the payment of old age pensions under the act of last session of parliament to persons over 70 years of age.

Seven hundred thousand applications for pensions have been received, of which 200,000 were disallowed, chiefly because the applicants have been in receipt of poor relief.

It is estimated that the old age pensions will cost the country \$35,000,000 annually. The highest pension is five shillings weekly, which will be paid to applicants having an income below \$105 a year. If their income exceeds \$105, but is less than \$155, smaller amounts will be paid.

PACIFIC COAST BASEBALL.

(Special to the Times.)

Portland, Ore., Jan. 2.—Sacramento has refused to follow the California state league into outlawry, and will accept the franchise in the Pacific Coast league, making five teams in all.



THE MODERN SISYPHUS.

CARNEGIE—"Persevere, laddie, persevere; I fain wad help ye, but—man, it's against ma principles, ye ken."

"(If you want to do harm with money give it away to those who will not struggle for themselves)—Andrew Carnegie. News Item.)

## CHILDREN AFFLICTED WITH CATTLE DISEASE

**"Foot and Mouth" Outbreak  
Among Humans in New  
York State.**

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 2.—The state department of health at Albany, after reading the report of D. S. O. Hermon and others sent to Clarkson near this city, to investigate the illness of children supposed to be afflicted with the "foot and mouth" disease, have ordered the quarantine of all houses in Clarkson where the children are ill. The announcement is also made that the children have aphthous fever, or "foot and mouth" disease. Dr. Hermon says that he thinks the disease has been checked and that the children affected will recover, as all are progressing nicely toward health.

## DEATH OF FAMOUS RUSSIAN PRIEST

**Father John of Cronstadt Was  
Friend of Czar  
Nicholas.**

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—The noted priest, Father John, of Cronstadt, is dead. He had for some time been suffering from chronic dropsy and intestinal complaints.

Father John was born in 1829. He became a priest of the Russian church at Cronstadt. He drew about him hosts of followers, the emperor constantly befriended him. A pilgrimage of the present empress to the shrine of St. Erast, which among pious Russians was believed to have been responsible for the birth of the desired heir to the throne, was undertaken on Father John's advice.

He was author of six volumes of sermons and religious works. His best known controversy, that with Count Tolstoy, was waged with great fervor, both in the press and pulp.

FROSTBITTEN FIGHTING FIRE.

Amherst, N. S., Jan. 2.—The gentleman's furnishings store of S. Cates & Co. was damaged to the extent of \$15,000 by fire yesterday afternoon. Several firemen were badly frostbitten.

## WRIGHT'S LATEST AEROPLANE RECORD

Le Mans, France, Jan. 2.—Wilbur Wright beat all previous aeroplane records here on Thursday afternoon with a flight that lasted two hours and nine minutes. He covered officially a distance of 74 miles, but as a matter of fact made over 90 miles. The feat was more remarkable because of the intense cold.

## NANAIMO HAS BRIGHT OUTLOOK

CITY PASSED THROUGH  
PROSPEROUS YEAR

Coal Production Reached 400,000 Tons—Many Improvements Were Effectuated.

(Special to the Times.)  
Nanaimo, Jan. 2.—The year just closed may be said to have been a fairly prosperous one for Nanaimo. In the city's main industry, the coal mines of the Western Fuel Company the total production was 400,000 tons, the second largest in the history of the mine. The total number of men employed was 1,300. Over a quarter of a million dollars have been expended in new improvements in the mine and over a million dollars expended in wages.

The real estate sales of the same company have been double that of any other year and the general prospects for 1909 in all branches of the company are the brightest of any year yet.

Generally speaking the whole city has benefited during the year. More buildings were erected than in several past years put together, and several large new enterprises have started in the immediate vicinity.

## GAS EXPLOSIONS WRECK RESTAURANT

**Engineer Blown Across Chicago  
Street Escapes Serious  
Injury.**

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 2.—The "Tom Jones" restaurant building across the street from the board of trade was partly wrecked by gas explosions early to-day. The explosions occurred in the basement and blew out the entrance to the buildings on Jackson street, and Quincy street.

An engineer, who was just about to enter the building, was blown across the street and a watchman's uniform was almost torn from his body by the force of a second explosion. Both men escaped serious injury. Fire followed the explosions. The damage was \$130,000.

## DORANDO-LONGBOAT MARATHON TO-NIGHT

**Rivals Meet in 25-mile Event  
at Buffalo—Canadian is  
Favorite.**

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 2.—What gives every promise of being "one of the greatest sporting events ever held in western New York" will be the Marathon run of 25 miles to-night, at the twenty-fourth Regiment Armory between Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian runner, and Dorando, the Italian. Both men are on the ground and have been in hard training. The Canadian is favorite, but the Italian seems confident of reversing the decision at the New York meeting, when he collapsed in the twenty-sixth mile.

All Buffalo is much interested, and there will be a heavy local Italian representation at the track side. Canadian towns in the near vicinity will send a couple of thousand excursionists and Francis Nelson, of Toronto, will referee. The chairman of the Democrat state committee, William J. Connors, will fire the starting gun, and Mayor J. N. Adams will present a cup to the winner. A special dirt track, nine laps to the mile, has been laid.

## YUAN SHI KAY IS DISMISSED

**CHINA'S GREAT REFORMER  
GOES OUT OF OFFICE**

**Man Who Rebuilt the Empire  
and Organized the  
Army.**

Peking, Jan. 2.—An edict issued to-day dismissed from office Yuan Shi Kai, grand councillor and commander-in-chief of the forces. The reason given for this action is that he has rheumatism in his leg.

The edict orders Yuan Shi Kai to vacate all his offices and to return to his home, adding: "Thus clemency toward him is manifested." A second edict appoints Wu Tung, controller of customs, and ex-governor of Peking, grand councillor, presumably in Yuan Shi Kai's place.

Yuan Shi Kai, the great viceroy of Chihli province, was one of the most influential and powerful statesmen in the Chinese empire. He had been called the strongest man in China, and infinitely more powerful than was Li Hung Chang. He inspired a national patriotism which is to-day doing much to sweep away middle age superstition and rebuild the empire. He organized an army in China that was the wonder and amazement of foreign military critics. He substituted modern text books for ancient classics. He compelled the abolition of torture, and he transformed Peking from the filthiest city in the world into the metropolis—well paved and cleanly kept. At the time of the deaths of the Emperor and Dowager Empress of China, the following dispatch was received at the New York branch of the Chinese Reform Association: "Yuan Shi Kai is owned by the Emperor. Please cable Peking to attack him."

It was declared at the Mott street headquarters of the association that identical dispatches had been sent to branches of the reform association in all sections of the world, and that demands would be made on Prince Chun, the new regent, to depose Yuan Shi Kai from power and "do away with him."

Na Tung, the successor of Yuan Shi Kai, has held many prominent posts in the service of the country.

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## 'FRISCO REDIVIVUS RINGS OLD YEAR OUT

**Gay Throng Surges Through  
Streets in Abandonment  
of Joy.**

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 2.—King Carnival ruled supreme in this city on New Year's Eve; ruled over the gladdest, maddest, merriest New Year's Eve celebration ever known in a city that has given that night of all the year over to an abandonment of joy for many decades past.

It was not only the passing of the Old Year and the birth of the New that stirred the vast throngs which jostled and laughed the hours away on the busiest thoroughfares, but the thought that Market street, where the New Year's Eve carnival first started so many years ago, is again a shopping centre, flanked on both sides with bigger and better buildings than those which were destroyed in the fire of 1906.

It is estimated that fully 300,000 people composed the seething, ever-shifting tide of humanity that rambled restlessly and noisily along these thoroughfares. The main feature of the Market street carnival was the automobile parade, in which close to a thousand cars took part.

New York Casualties.

New York, Jan. 12.—A summary of the mishaps attending New York's New Year's Eve street festivities show that thirteen persons were shot, but none fatally, during the late hours of December 31st and the early hours of yesterday.

## ONE-MAN EXPEDITION TO ARCTIC WILDS

**New Yorker to Journey on  
Snowshoes With Only Dog  
as Companion.**

New York, Jan. 2.—Harry B. Radenford, a prominent sportsman and writer on natural history and outdoor subjects, announces that he will leave here during this month and explore the Arctic regions, alone. From Edmonton, Alberta, he intends to continue his journey on snowshoes and by means of a sled, with only a dog as a companion. In this way he hopes to travel 5,000 miles and to take three years in doing it.

LIQUOR AS LARGESSE.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 2.—With the passing of the midnight hour of Dec. 31st, prohibition became effective throughout Alabama. A number of social clubs will now be in great demand. The club drinks will be dispensed to "members only." Before the doors of the saloons were closed last night whiskey and beer were given away in large quantities and during the day drinks of all kinds were sold at nominal prices.

## PREPARING FOR THE CAMPAIGN

**FEW MEETINGS HAVE  
YET BEEN CALLED**

**Ward Five Promises to Have  
Many Aldermanic  
Candidates.**

With the coming of next week the municipal campaign is likely to become active, and the candidates, who have been working quietly, will begin to hold meetings. Whether or not the mayor-al candidates will hold joint meetings is still an open question.

Mayor Hall's committee has been formed, with George W. Dean, secretary of the local open campaign committee, as chairman. Of A. J. Morley's committee Phil R. Smith is chairman. There is some doubt as to where the mass meetings will be held during the coming campaign. They have been generally in the council chamber, but it is much too small for the gathering of ratepayers, and there has always been an overflow of the audience into the corridors and down the stairs. This will not be permitted this year. Building Inspector Northcott and the fire department will insist on the by-law being observed, which forbids the obstructing of exits from public halls.

The suggestion is being made that the Victoria theatre be taken for these meetings, as it would give lots of room and would be an excellent place to speak in.

The Prairie Club has taken the Victoria theatre for Thursday evening, and the mayoralty candidates will be asked to address the gathering.

The only ward meeting called as yet is that which W. C. Stewart, a candidate in Ward 1, is to hold in the North Ward school on Tuesday evening next.

There have been no new candidates announced, although there are some being mentioned as possible. So far the chief interest of the campaign will apparently lie in Ward 5. There Ald. Cameron retired, but Ald. Henderson is a candidate for re-election. Three other candidates have announced themselves—John A. Turner, A. G. Sargison and T. N. Hibben—and there is some talk of ex-Ald. F. W. Vincent coming forward.

In Ward 4 Ald. McKeown will run again, and for the vacancy created by Ald. Pauline's retirement W. G. Winterburn is a candidate. Wards 3 and 2 look like cases of acclamation at present, as the only candidates are Aldermen Fullerton and Gleason, the former and Aldermen Hall and Meston in the latter.

In Ward 1 W. C. Stewart is out in a three-cornered fight with the old members, Aldermen Mable and Norman.

Statutory notices calling upon the municipal electors to nominate candidates for office as mayor, aldermen and school trustees were posted throughout the city this morning by W. W. Northcott, returning officer. The nominations take place in the police court room between noon and two p.m. on Monday, January 11th, and the polling is fixed for Thursday, January 14th, between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. The polling places for the several offices and by-laws will be found in the advertising columns, as well as the text of the three by-laws which will be submitted.

## G. W. HOUGH DISCOVERED MANY NEW STARS

**Dead Astronomer Celebrated  
Through Observations of  
Planet Jupiter.**

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 2.—George Washington Hough, professor of astronomy at the Northwestern University, and director of the Dearborn observatory, died suddenly at his home in Evanston yesterday. Prof. Hough, who was 72 years of age, was found dead in his bed, having retired in apparently good health.

Prof. Hough's greatest contributions to science were his observations regarding the planet Jupiter. He discovered and measured more double stars than any other astronomer now living—about 550 in all. His inventions included a series of devices for making maps of stars during observations, and many other scientific instruments now used in observatories. He also contributed much to scientific literature.

Prof. Hough was born in Trides Hill, N. Y., on October 24th, 1836. The body will be taken to Albany, New York state.

THEATRES BARRED ON SUNDAYS.

(Special to the Times.)  
Montreal, Que., Jan. 2.—In accordance with Judge Cross' judgment barring on Sunday shows, the Sparrow company announces that theatres will not be opened to-morrow. They claim they put on shows temporarily in order to draw attention to the non-enforcement of the Lord's Day Act in regard to moving picture and other houses.

RUSSIAN NAVAL REFORM.

Douma Refuses Grant for New Battleships.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—The defence committee of the Douma rejected to-day the government's demand for a grant of \$1,500,000 towards the construction of four new battleships. The rejection was based on the ground that there had been no reform in the naval administration.



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 tin.....25c  
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 Tartan Brand, per can.....10c  
 TOMATOES, Tartan Brand, 2  
 tins for.....25c  
 We guarantee that Tartan  
 canned goods are the finest  
 packed.  
 HONEY, Pure Ontario, 5-lb.  
 tin.....\$1.00  
 Nothing nicer.  
 MALTA VITA, per pkt.....10c  
 COFFEE, Chase & Sanborn's,  
 1-lb. tin.....40c  
 LETTUCE, fresh every day.  
 CORN STARCH, Scotch, 3  
 pkts. for.....25c  
 BEANS, white or brown, 4 lbs.  
 for.....25c  
 PEPPER, pure black, per lb.....25c  
 ALBERTA DAIRY BUTTER,  
 per lb.....25c  
 WORCESTER SAUCE, Travers,  
 4 bottles for.....25c

ORANGES, Nice Navel, 3 dozen  
 for.....50c  
 GINGER SNAPS, 3 lbs for.....25c  
 LARD, pure, 3 lb. tin.....50c  
 TEA, Tetley's Loose, 4 lbs. for  
 \$1.00  
 CALGARY FLOUR, Rising Sun,  
 per sack.....\$1.75  
 JAM, Wagstaff's Pure, 5-lb. tin  
 for.....15c  
 PINEAPPLE, 2 tins for.....25c  
 FINNAN HADDIE, Fresh, 2  
 tins for.....25c  
 JAM, Pure Raspberry, Melon  
 or Apricot, 4-lb. tin.....50c  
 RICE, Best Japan,  
 4 lbs for.....25c  
 5 lbs. for.....30c  
 PEARLINE, 2 pkts. for.....25c  
 SUNLIGHT SOAP, 12 bars \$1.00  
 MUSTARD, Colman's, 4-lb.  
 tin.....25c  
 SAPOLIO, per pkt.....10c  
 PEANUTS, Fresh Roasted, per  
 lb.....15c  
 CHEESE, Nice Ontario, per lb.  
 20c  
 OYSTERS, Fresh Olympia, per  
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YUAN SHI KAI

IS DISMISSED

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Profound Sensation.  
 Peking, Jan. 2.—(Later.)—The mem-  
 bers of the diplomatic corps at Peking  
 are well-nigh thunderstruck at the  
 sudden dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai.  
 The step is believed to be the outcome  
 of a Manchukuo plot, and there are in-  
 dications that the Japanese representa-  
 tives alone had any inkling of what  
 was on foot.

The foreign ministers became cogni-  
 zant of the edict of dismissal before  
 3 o'clock this afternoon and two  
 hours later the British, German and  
 American ministers were in conference  
 at the British legation. The diplo-  
 mats were still in conference at 7 p. m.  
 and it consequently will be impossible  
 to learn what course the leading pow-  
 ers will take in this surprising develop-  
 ment.

The home governments will act only  
 after an interchange of ideas, but there  
 is reason to believe tonight that  
 Prince Ching, president of the board of  
 foreign affairs, will be waited upon to-  
 morrow by a strong diplomatic com-  
 bination, such as the British, German  
 and American representatives here.

There is nothing to indicate that the  
 dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai means dan-  
 ger to foreigners, but the good  
 name of China's management of cen-  
 tral affairs, following the demise of the Em-  
 peror and the Dowager Empress and  
 the appointment of a successor, has  
 been swept away by this vindictive  
 act which will astonish and arouse the  
 outside world, cripple China's credit  
 and postpone the withdrawal of foreign  
 troops probably five years. Yuan Shi  
 Kai's feelings are as yet unknown  
 and the legations are anxiously await-  
 ing a clue to the throne's future course  
 of action.

In accordance with the regulations of  
 the new regency the decree of dis-  
 missal is marked and sealed by the act  
 of the Prince Regent and bore the sig-  
 natures of the grand councillors, ex-  
 cepting that of Prince Ching. This is  
 evidence that Prince Ching dissented  
 from the grave apprehensions here of  
 revolutionary outbreaks in such cen-  
 tres as Canton and some of the most  
 conservative diplomats already are  
 suggesting the return of foreign troops  
 to the lines of communication between  
 Peking and Tien Tsin.

## CARPENTER DROPS

600 FEET TO DEATH

**Shocking Fatality at Western  
 Fuel Company's Mine  
 at Nanaimo.**

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, Jan. 2.—Nelson Penn, a  
 carpenter, aged 25 years, met with a  
 horrible death here this morning while  
 working in the Western Fuel Co.'s  
 mine. He was walking along a drift  
 without a light and fell down the air  
 shaft of No. 1 mine, dropping 600 feet.  
 Death was instantaneous. Deceased  
 was a native of Bates Cottage, North-  
 umberland, and has been in Canada  
 about two years.

## PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman, of the  
 Chapman Lumber Company, Arlington,  
 Wash., are spending the New Year hol-  
 idays with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Fred W. Grant, of North Park street.

## EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS NOW SAID TO NUMBER 115,000

(Continued from page 1.)

Rome, Jan. 2.—(Later.)—Queen Helena  
 has been injured at Messina. Her  
 wounds are slight, but the news has  
 caused a shock to all Italians for her  
 majesty has endeavored herself wonder-  
 fully to help people by her heroism and  
 self-sacrificing work among the earth-  
 quake sufferers.

A shock yesterday at Messina created  
 a panic among the patients in one of  
 the improvised hospitals. The queen  
 tried to allay the fears of the patients,  
 who were crowding through the doors  
 to reach the open. She was caught in  
 the crush and sustained slight contu-  
 sions of the chest.

The Duke of Aosta also has been  
 slightly injured at Palma; a wall fall-  
 ing near him cut his face and one of his  
 hands. Their majesties are still at Mes-  
 sina. The king continues to organize  
 and superintend the work of rescue,  
 and the queen is moving about among  
 the injured, consoling, cheering and al-  
 leviating the sufferings of the survivors  
 by every means in her power.

Every available means of transporta-  
 tion is being employed to carry away  
 the survivors and the wounded, there  
 are still thousands dying in the ruins,  
 and other thousands in the direct need.  
 The hospitals and all other available  
 space for the care of the injured in in-  
 terior coast cities are filled to over-  
 flowing. The exodus of the unfortunate  
 who grow in numbers every day is  
 one of the saddest sights imaginable.  
 By vessels of every description they  
 are being brought to the seaport towns.  
 But now Catania and Syracuse have  
 room for no more. Naples is rapidly be-  
 coming overcrowded, and as a result  
 the sufferers are beginning to pour in-  
 to Rome.

Italy's "Angel of Charity."  
 London, Jan. 2.—Among the many  
 graphic accounts of the earthquakes  
 published here to-day is a beautiful  
 tribute paid to Queen Helena by a cor-  
 respondent in Southern Italy.

"One must go back in fancy and re-  
 memberance to the most touching ex-  
 hibitions of womanly tenderness and  
 self-sacrifice, celebrated by poets and  
 consecrated by legend," he says, "to  
 understand the benefit of the work the  
 Queen is accomplishing in Messina. The  
 people call her an angel of charity, and  
 never was the name used with greater  
 justification. Her dress is as simple as  
 that of a workgirl, she does not care  
 for herself, and is only anxious to as-  
 sist others."

"I have seen her everywhere, at  
 points of the greatest danger, and  
 where nobody before had dared go, as-  
 sisting in dressing wounds, her voice  
 broken by sobs and her eyes tearful.  
 She accomplishes her sacred work with  
 motherly tenderness and with a hero-  
 ine's strength."

More Mediterranean Shocks.  
 Algiers, Algeria, Jan. 2.—Light earth-  
 quake shocks were felt to-night, but  
 no damage was done.

## WATERSPOUTS IN CHATHAM SOUND

Two Sighted by Captain Rob-  
 erson of the Steamer  
 Topaz.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Prince Rupert, Jan. 1.—Although  
 water-spouts are not uncommon in  
 southern seas, where they are occa-  
 sionally seen by mariners, they are said  
 to be unknown in northern waters, but  
 Captain Roberson, of the steamer  
 Topaz, while towing barges loaded  
 with lumber from Georgetown to Prince  
 Rupert this week reports seeing two  
 water-spouts as he was passing through  
 Chatham Sound. One was very large,  
 while the other was a small one. They  
 were about two miles distant from his  
 vessel and travelling in a northerly  
 direction towards Port Simpson.  
 There was no unusual weather at the  
 time, and Captain Roberson, who has  
 seen water-spouts in the Straits of  
 Malacca and in Oriental waters, is un-  
 able to account for the phenomena in  
 these northern waters.

## MACDONALD AS POLITICIAN

Rumored He Will Assume Leadership  
 of Ontario Liberals.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 2.—It is stated  
 to-day that at the forthcoming con-  
 vention of Ontario Liberals, Editor  
 MacDonald, of the Toronto Globe, will  
 be elected leader of the party. The  
 present leader, Hon. A. G. Macay has  
 announced his intention of resigning.

## VICTORIA WEST SCORES WIN

Defeated Nanaimo in Second Division  
 Match—North Ward Juniors  
 Beaten.

Nanaimo, Jan. 2.—Victoria West de-  
 feated Nanaimo by 3 goals to 1 in the  
 opening match of the second division  
 league series played here yester-  
 day. It was a splendid exhibition,  
 the visitors' combination being particu-  
 larly fine. In the junior league game  
 the North Ward was beaten by Na-  
 naimo, the score being 2 to nil.

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## VICTORIA'S WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR

A Noisy Reception Given 1909  
 on the Streets of the  
 City.

Nineteen hundred and nine was wel-  
 comed by Victorians with customary mer-  
 riment, and, if anything, rather more  
 noise than usual. With tin trumpets,  
 cow-bells, kettles, trays and fire-crackers  
 the din along Government street was  
 something which had to be heard to be  
 appreciated.

It was a thoroughly good natured crowd  
 which thronged the street, and for the  
 time everyone knew everyone else. The  
 fun began early and waxed faster and  
 more furious as the clock moved round  
 towards midnight. By that time the  
 walks and roadway were carpeted with  
 bright colored confetti and the debris of  
 fireworks.

One of the features of the evening was  
 an automobile which sped around Gov-  
 ernment, Yates, Douglas and Fort  
 streets, scattering a trail of sparks and  
 the smell of powder behind it. Fire-  
 crackers in strings of a couple of thou-  
 sand were hung over the back of the  
 machine and made a brave showing.

At midnight the steamboat, railway and  
 factory whistles began to toot and added  
 to the din. Here, there and everywhere  
 throughout the city there were little  
 local celebrations, individual householders  
 or groups of them going out on the  
 street to rouse things up with anything  
 that was noise-producing. The crowds  
 remained on the down-town streets until  
 long after the new year had come in.

## AMENDED DOG LAW IS NOW IN FORCE

Act Will Be Enforced by the  
 Authorities From  
 Now On.

Dog-owners should pay heed to the  
 changes in the pound by-law which  
 went into force yesterday, and which  
 is the intention of the civic authori-  
 ties to enforce strictly, and also to the  
 fact that a new license has to be taken  
 out at once.

From to-day the license fee is \$2 for  
 each male animal over six months and  
 \$5 for each female animal. Kennel li-  
 censes costing \$10 will be held to cover  
 ten dogs, with \$1 each for any over that  
 number.

The regulation as to dogs running  
 down town, which caused so much dis-  
 cussion and was finally amended last  
 October, says that no person shall al-  
 low a dog to run at large upon any  
 public street within the five limits be-  
 tween the hours of 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.  
 any day. Animals found running at  
 large will be impounded, and in addition  
 to the pound-keeper's fees the owner  
 may be fined a sum up to \$50.

Owners, before allowing dogs to run  
 at large, must provide them with a  
 collar, bearing the current year's tag,  
 the penalty for neglecting which is a  
 fine of from \$1 to \$5, and, of course,  
 pound fees.

In Beacon Hill park the regulations  
 remain in force, requiring that dogs be  
 kept under control by means of a leash.

## MR. OLIVER AGAIN MAYOR

Toronto's Chief Magistrate Has Big  
 Majority—License Reduction  
 Is Carried.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 2.—Latest election  
 returns: Oliver, for mayor, 10,000 ma-  
 jority. License reduction is carried  
 by 740 majority. Board of control  
 members. Messrs. Geary, Hocken,  
 Ward and Spence.

## 'FRISCO ASSASSIN

I Wang Chang Is Sentenced to 25  
 Years For Murder of Durham  
 Stevens.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 2.—I Wang  
 Chang, the murderer of Durham  
 Stevens, the Korean diplomat, has been  
 sentenced to twenty-five years' im-  
 prisonment.

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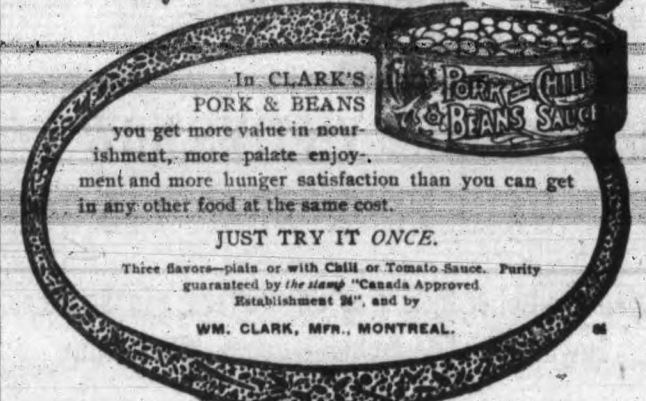
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London Paper Praises Qualities of the  
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 Columbian fruit now on view at the  
 Imperial Institute will be converted  
 into enthusiastic emigrants on the  
 spot, says the London Chronicle of a  
 recent date. Such wonderful masses of  
 tasty apples, so perfect in shape, so rich  
 in color, so gigantic in size, have rarely,  
 if ever, been seen in this country  
 before.

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 hibition, remarked that everyone could  
 there see for himself what a wonder-  
 ful country for fruit-growing British  
 Columbia was. In the southern parts  
 more tender fruits, such as peaches,  
 flourished. The country was extreme-  
 ly healthy, chiefly owing to the dry-  
 ness of the air. The fruit-growing ex-  
 periments initiated by Lord Aberdeen  
 had proved very successful and profit-  
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## FIXING BLAME FOR BAD ROADS

CITY COUNCIL TO TALK  
TO STREET OFFICIALS

Aldermen Admit That the Public  
Has Cause for  
Complaint.

One outcome of Wednesday evening's meeting of Ward Three ratepayers is a decision on the part of the city council to make every official connected with street work walk the carpet at an early meeting of that body. City engineer, water commissioner, street superintendent, their assistants and all the foremen in charge of the outside work will be notified to be on hand.

The members of council will endeavor to ascertain where the blame lies for the disrepair of the streets and the too-evident lack of system in the carrying on of the work. To what extent the officials may turn the tables on the council and the meagreness of an appropriation that allows six cents a mile per day for street maintenance remains to be seen.

Starting from the plain-speaking of the ratepayers, Aldermen Fullerton and Gleason brought the matter up at the close of the special meeting of the council on Thursday afternoon. The Mayor and their other colleagues admitted that the complaints of citizens were fully justified, but all felt that they were being unfairly blamed for the condition of affairs.

The discussion took a conversational turn, in the course of which there was no attempt on anyone's part to deny that there is no system in regard to street works to-day. Although the water commissioner was given the entire supervision of laying the water mains by the council—a work which anyone would consider part of the city engineer's duty here as it is everywhere else—the members talked as if they had made a mistake in this, and the opinion was frankly expressed that the roadways have been left in an intolerable condition by the water works department. Instances were given, too, of street work where the concrete-mixing apparatus had been moved away and back again as many as five times in the laying of one block's length.

"We are made to look like a set of fools, and we are fools to put up with it," said Ald. Gleason. "We have got to find out who is running this city's business, the aldermen or the foremen," added his colleague from Ward Three, Ald. Fullerton.

Ald. Gleason mentioned the inquiries made at Spring Ridge as to Street Superintendent Warwick and the assertion that someone in authority had given instructions that he was not to be obeyed. Ald. Fullerton recalled a remark that the Mayor was the man. "It certainly was not me," his Worship declared with emphasis. "Mr. Warwick was given full authority and he has power to fire any employee who refuses to do as he orders."

Ald. Henderson said all the officials would have to do their duty or the council would get others.

In the end the decision to have all the officials interested in before the council was come to, and the time will probably be Friday night next.

### INTERESTING SPECIMENS FOR THE MUSEUM

Caribou Skulls and Hides Received From Queen Charlotte Islands.

The hides and skulls of the caribou recently killed by Indians on Queen Charlotte Islands were brought over from Vancouver recently, having been sent from Prince Rupert on the steamer Transit by Rev. W. E. Collison. They are much lighter colored in the lighter parts than the mainland caribou, and their legs are quite light in color; in fact, the skins resemble very much those of the reindeer which were recently sent into Alaska. This has given rise to the conjecture that the animals might possibly be reindeer which had arrived there at some early date. No record of such an event is known and Curator Kermodé, of the museum, does not think it likely to have happened, but it is possible. Mr. Kermodé's theory is that the islands were at one time part of the mainland and that when they became isolated the animals degenerated through inbreeding. The skins show that the animals must have been small, probably less than 300

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Dressing Gowns, regular \$3.25. Sale ..... \$2.25  
Dressing Gowns, regular \$3.75. Sale ..... \$2.75  
Dressing Gowns, regular \$4.75. Sale ..... \$3.75  
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pounds each in weight. The antlers also differ from the other caribou in that they are more slender, less palmate and they are without the branch that usually comes down over the animal's face, known as the plover. The oddity of two skulls already having been found with only one antler each, also seems to indicate that the animals have degenerated.

A wire was received by Mr. Kermodé a few days ago from the American Museum of Natural History of New York, offering to buy the skins. The provincial authorities will not sell and will not allow any caribou to be killed at present. It is not unlikely, however, that the skins and skulls may be sent to New York for examination and description, especially as Ernest Thompson Seton, the noted naturalist, is at present there and he has already examined the first skull that was found. The antler of the larger animal is broken but the parts are all there and can easily be mended. The skin of the cow is useless for mounting purposes, as the hoofs and skull are missing. The one head is that of an old bull, probably ten, twelve or more years of age. His antlers show thirteen points, and his teeth are worn down very much. It and the second bull, which has but one antler, will be mounted and placed in the museum, although it will be some time before the work can possibly be completed.

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Closing the week at the New Grand to-night are the Petching Bros. in "A Musical Flower Garden"; Carson Bros., acrobats; Les Theodors, acrobats, and

C. W. Williams, ventriloquist, besides the usual stock fixtures. The unusual excellence of this week's show has resulted in great business so far, particularly on New Year's eve and yesterday, and the closing performance to-night will doubtless attract the same capacity houses.

Next week's programme will be headed by Henry and Alice Carver. The woman is the acknowledged world's champion lady sharp shooter, her work with both rifle and revolver being described as simply wonderful. She shoots a row of small globes arranged as buttons down Mr. Carver's coat, breaking all in rapid succession without a miss; breaks another on the top of his head; a la William Tell; shoots the spots off cards held in his mouth, and breaks four globes held one between each finger, besides innumerable other hair-raising feats. Mr. Carver is also a clever equilibrist, and the act all through is promised to be one of the best of the season. Another good drawing card will be Connolly, Derrick and Connolly, in a melange of songs, mirth and melody. Mr. Wenrich is the composer of many recent song hits, his latest being "Rainbow" and "Naughty Eyes." Both of which are sung in the act. The Connollys, Bob and Dolly, are clever singers and dancers, and the turn is reported lively all through. G. P. Watson and Florence Little, after a dainty little comedietta, entitled "A Matrimonial Burglar," which is full of witty sayings and good singing. Both have melodious voices, and Mr. Watson's is a feature. The Fowlers, equilibrists and head and hand balancers, have a good act that is away from others of the kind. Thos. J. Price will sing "Are You Sincere." Two new moving pictures are entitled "Willie Falls From Grace" and "Stolen Plans," and the orchestra will play "Glow Worm" by Linck, as an overture.

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA AND CABINET REPRESENTATION.

We think that possibly the people of British Columbia have lately had a surfeit of politics and would be well pleased if permitted to devote their undivided attention to matters of greater personal and more general interest for some time to come. This observation is particularly applicable to federal political affairs. Whatever views we may entertain of the policy of the government as it affects the province, the people of Canada have endorsed that policy by a very large majority. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government are firmly seated in power for another term. The only question that remains for us to consider is the attitude we should adopt in our own interests as regards representation in that government; whether it were better to be represented in the government and thus insure that the sentiments and the requirements of the province should be continuously and consistently pressed upon its members, or to sullenly resist all attempts upon the part of the Premier of Canada to accord us that which all other provinces esteem a great privilege.

The Times, notwithstanding its relations with the administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and with Mr. Templeman, believes that it can consider the situation with an absolutely unprejudiced mind, and that it expresses the views of a majority of both Liberals and Conservatives when it contends that it would be against the true interests of the province to resist the desire of the Premier of Canada in the matter of British Columbia's representation in the Cabinet. The Colonist takes a different view from ours, and in its ardent efforts to maintain its position not only refutes all the "arguments," and other things, it urged during the late campaign, but places itself in direct opposition to the leading Conservative newspapers of the province, such as the Vancouver News-Advertiser and Province. In pursuance of its extraordinary course, the Colonist takes a position directly at variance with the position it occupied after the election. Then it admitted that Mr. Templeman had been a victim of the policy of the government. It said he had suffered for his loyalty to the government and the policy of the government. Now it holds him responsible for that policy, says his position as a defeated cabinet minister and representative is unique, and that he ought to retire into private life, because it assumes that his retention in office is not due to the desire of the Prime Minister to retain his services, but because of importunities unduly pressed.

Now is it the fact that it is a unique thing for a leader of a political party or minister in a government of Canada to find himself without a seat in Parliament following a general election? Not at all. On the contrary, it is a common experience, as a consultation of the records will prove. Sir John Macdonald, the greatest Conservative of them all, was defeated in Kingston, upon local issues, doubtless, just as Mr. Templeman was. Did Sir John retire into private life because of that rebuff? Was there any demand that he should retire? A seat was found for him in this very constituency of Victoria, and there was no denunciation of his great influence by reason of that mishap. Mr. Borden, the present leader of the Conservative party, was defeated in Halifax in the elections of 1904. Yet Mr. Borden did not abdicate his leadership nor retire from public life. On the contrary every facility was afforded him by his own party, and every courtesy extended him by the Liberal party, until he finally found a seat in Carlton County in the province of Ontario. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was rejected by his constituency in Quebec when he first became a Minister of the Crown under Hon. Alexander Mackenzie. The influences which contributed to the defeat of Hon. Wilfrid Laurier were purely local also, and it may be that the Premier, if he were not known to be staunch, loyal and true to his friends under all circumstances, had his own early experience in mind when he refused to accept the resignation of Mr. Templeman, but decided to retain his services until a seat could be found for him elsewhere. If we cared to go outside of Canada a sheet of precedents could be quoted in contravention of the extraordinary contention of the Colonist. Mr. Balfour, leader of the present opposition, a former Premier of Great Britain, was defeated in the last general elections. He did not retire. Mr. Winston Churchill, a Minister of the Crown, was defeated in a bye-election. He was retained in office until he found a seat in Dundee. We might go further back and in every

instance precedent would confound our contemporary.

The Times has no authentic information in regard to the manner in which the necessary seat is to be found. It would be more fitting that it should be in British Columbia than elsewhere of course. If Mr. Sloan is willing to retire in order that the province may retain its representation in the cabinet, he is entitled to great credit for the sacrifice he is willing to make. The representative of Comox-Atlin has a keen relish and strong aptitude for public life, and we are sure nothing but a deep sense of his responsibility to the province under present circumstances would impel him to stand aside. Should the rumors given currency and commented upon by the Colonist prove to be founded upon facts, it will be for the Conservatives of Comox-Atlin to consider whether it would be wise to offer opposition to the election of the Minister. But even the Colonist in its irreconcilability will admit that it would be a somewhat extraordinary thing for a constituency which elected a private member by acclamation to offer opposition to a Minister in a government which is assured of power for five years.

Some complaints have been lodged with the Times against the practices permitted upon the public streets of Victoria upon New Year's eve. A little latitude may be legitimately allowed upon such an occasion; but this latitude should not be permitted to degenerate into license involving danger to the persons of pedestrians using the thoroughfares. In several instances on Thursday evening the dresses of ladies were set on fire by exploding crackers. In at least two cases, "torpedoes" were exploded by impact with the faces of persons walking the street. The force of the explosion was so great in one instance as to cut a splinter out of a pair of glasses, so it is easy to understand how dangerous the practice is. It is a long time between celebrations of that kind, but if the pandemonium is a custom which cannot be entirely suppressed, the police should at least try to eliminate from it the element of danger to the person.

P. C. Corry, of Dallas road, Victoria, writes: "With reference to this most appalling disaster that has just happened in Italy, may I suggest that you start a subscription for the benefit of the sufferers of this extremely calamity. Much money will be required, and required quickly. I am certain that almost everybody will subscribe to this fund." The Times will be pleased to do all in its power to facilitate the collection of funds for the relief of the distress in Italy, but, for obvious reasons, the custodian of such money should be some one in authority, representing either the province or the municipality.

The Colonist has broached one subject which can be discussed with profit. It is: are the people receiving fair value for the immense sums of money the council is expending upon improvements? We think the aldermen are showing courage in raising the question on the eve of the municipal elections.

The rate of increase in the bank clearings may be accepted as a true indication of the progress of a city in a commercial sense. An examination of the return of the Victoria clearing house will show that the capital of British Columbia is forging ahead. No city in Canada has issued more satisfactory returns for the year.

Mayor Oliver, of Toronto, has been re-elected by ten thousand majority. The two-term idea has just about assumed the form of a precedent in the East.

## TALLEST MAN IN LONDON.

Giant Commissioner Loaned to American Theatre.

America has secured London's tallest man on loan. He is 6 feet 10 inches, and weighs nearly 20 stone, his age is 35, his name is Peter McCullough, and he is the pride of the 2,750 members of the London Corps of Commissioners.

Peter McCullough joined the corps of commissioners in September, 1908, as an ex-corporal of the Grenadier Guards, and immediately got a job as carriage opener before the Gaiety Restaurant, afterwards taking a similar post at the Aldwych theatre. Recently an enormous stranger strolled into the commissioners' office in Exchange court, Strand. "I guess you haven't got anyone bigger than me," he said in a cocksure sort of way. "We can beat you easy," said the staff sergeant. Peter McCullough was brought along. The stranger opened his eyes, placed himself alongside him, looked up into his broad smiling face, and said, "I'm 6 feet 4 inches. You'll do."

Peter was immediately booked to go to America. He has been allowed twelve months' leave as a reserve man by the war office, and will wear his commissioner's uniform in his new post as doorkeeper at Miss Maxine Elliott's new theatre.

Peter is an Irishman of Skibbereen, and according to his own account he is the small boy of the family, his four other brothers being all taller than Peter, while his two sisters are both over 6 feet.—London Leader.

The news of the drowning of Ed. Hughes at Vancouver, contained in a telegraphic item in another column, has been received with deep regret in Victoria, where he was well-known. He was employed at one time in Spencer's store in the city.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Friendly Union Society will be held at the market buildings at 11 a. m. next Tuesday morning. Members are requested to be in attendance.

## The January Sale Starts Monday

## Some Extra Good Bargains for Men

Of more than ordinary interest will be this sale of MEN'S SUITS. The reductions are very generous, and on most meritorious goods, garments that are the foundation of our Men's Clothing business. The "Fit-Rite" is one of the brands we carry, and the others are just as well known, and equally as good. You can buy a good, natty, dressy suit, a suit that will please you, and one that will look well on you, at any of the prices mentioned below.

## \$12.50 TO \$15 SUITS FOR \$9.45

Dressy, nice suits, made of good quality tweeds and worsteds in attractive patterns. A good assortment at this price and some very fine garments. Regular \$12.50 to \$15. January Sale Price ..... \$9.45

## \$15 TO \$20 SUITS FOR \$11.45

Some dandy suits in this lot, including a quantity of the "Fit-Rite" brand. These garments have an enviable reputation for fit, finish and general excellence. These suits are good enough to please any man, no matter how particular he is. Regular \$15 to \$20 Suits. January Sale Price ..... \$11.45

## \$8.50 TO \$12.50 SUITS FOR \$6.45

Good serviceable SUITS, made of strong tweeds and worsteds. Regular \$8.50 to \$12.50. January Sale Price ..... \$6.45

## \$22.50 TO \$30 SUITS FOR \$15.45

Our very best lines, the highest grade suits we carry are included in this lot. "Fit-Rite" Garments and other first-class makes in all the very newest cloths, made up in the best styles. You can be well dressed, in fact perfectly dressed at small cost if you take advantage of this sale. Regular \$22.50 to \$30 suits. January Sale Price ..... \$15.45

## Men's and Women's Footwear \$2.50

The first day's selling of our last sale created a new record in the Shoe Department. If values will do it, Monday should certainly break that record. We mention a few of the lines just to give you an idea of what we are offering, but don't make the mistake of thinking that these few lines are the complete offering. Such an assortment of strictly high-grade footwear has never before been offered in this city at this price.

## MEN'S VICI KID LACED BOOTS,

plain toes, Goodyear welt soles, American manufacture, broken sizes. Regular \$5.50. January Sale Price ..... \$2.50

## MEN'S GUN METAL CALF BLUCHER CUT BOOTS,

smart toes, medium weight soles, 5 to 8½ only. Regular \$5. January Sale Price ..... \$2.50

## MEN'S VELOUR CALF BLUCHERS,

Goodyear welt or McKay sewn soles. Regular \$5. January Sale Price ..... \$2.50

## WOMEN'S PATENT COLT FOX BOOTS,

dull tops, with or without tips, Edwin C. Burt's make, broken sizes. Regular \$6. January Sale Price ..... \$2.50

## WOMEN'S GUN METAL CALF BUTTON BOOTS,

plain toes, broken sizes. Regular \$5.50. Edwin C. Burt's make. January Sale Price only ..... \$2.50

## WOMEN'S VICI KID LACED OR BUTTON BOOTS,

hand turned sales, Grover's or Armstrong's American manufacture, 2½ to 4 only. Regular \$5. January Sale Price ..... \$2.50

## Wonderful Bargains in Dress Goods

The DRESS GOODS bargains are unusually good this time, probably the best we have ever offered. Just think of buying \$1.25 goods for 75c, \$2 goods for 50c, \$3 goods for 75c. Yet these are some of the bargains that this sale offers you. Space does not permit us mentioning these lines in detail, we just give you a rough idea of what we have.

## VALUES UP TO \$1.25 FOR 75c

TWEEDS in dark and light mixtures, black and white checked material, black and white striped goods, Panamas in navy and brown, suitings in navy, brown and grey. In all there are fifty-one pieces of colored goods, ranging in value from 50c to \$1.25. January Sale Price ..... 75c  
BLACK DRESS GOODS worth 40c to 75c for ..... 25c

## VALUES UP TO \$3 FOR 75c

HERRINGBONE SERGE, different colors, diagonal serge, brown and navy, costume cloths in plain colors and fancy patterns, chevron stripes in the best shades, striped cloakings, and some coating serves, seventy-two pieces in all, worth from \$1.25 to \$3.00. January Sale Price ..... 75c  
BLACK DRESS GOODS worth \$1.25 and \$1.50 for ..... 75c

## VALUES UP TO \$2.00 FOR 50c

PANAMAS in navy and brown, diagonal serge in various colors, chevron stripes, different colors; camel's hair cloth, volles in brown, navy and grey; also some cloakings, full fifty-four inches wide; forty-eight pieces in all. Regular 75c to \$2.00. January Sale Price ..... 50c  
BLACK DRESS GOODS worth 75c to \$1.25 for ..... 50c

## Staple Department Bargains are Good

Space does not permit us to mention all the bargains we have in this section, but these three can be taken as samples of what you can expect. You can save a lot of money on necessities in this department during this sale.

## FANCY FLANNELLETTES, the kind for

dresses and waists, fine widths and good colorings, in a nice assortment of patterns, including floral and conventional designs. These flannellettes are indeed a wonderful bargain at this price, which is exactly half what they are worth. Regular price 25c. January Sale Price ..... 12½c

## BLEACHED SHEETING, two yards wide,

a splendid quality that sells regularly at 30c. January Sale Price ..... 19½c

## WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, all pure

wool, a beautiful quality and weight, size 60 x 80. Regular price \$5.50. January Sale Price ..... \$3.50

75c  
\$1.00  
\$1.50  
Fancy Blouses  
for Women  
50c

Just think of it, a Blouse for 50c, and a good one at that. In this lot are blouses of all kinds and colors; blouses for summer, blouses for winter, silks, cambrics, flannellettes; in fact anything that you want you will find in this lot.

SILK BLOUSES, worth \$1.50. January Sale Price, 50c  
MUSLIN BLOUSES, in white, some very nice waists, daintily trimmed with lace and embroidery. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25. January Sale Price ..... 50c

MUSLIN BLOUSES, in colored, pretty designs in white and colored grounds. Regular 75c to \$1.25. January Sale Price ..... 50c

GINGHAM BLOUSES, fine quality of gingham in checks and plaids. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25. January Sale Price ..... 50c

FLANNELLETTE BLOUSES, good weight flannellettes, in nice patterns. Regular 75c and \$1.00. January Sale Price ..... 50c

DELAINE BLOUSES, in fancy patterns, a variety of colorings and designs. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25. January Sale Price ..... 50c

\$1.75  
\$2.00  
\$2.25  
Fancy Blouses  
for Women  
75c

A rare assortment this, some of the best Waists that we ever offered at this price are in this lot. Handsome lustrous waists in white and colored; pretty flannellettes in choice designs; fancy delaines and challies; also a few plain ones, and white muslins.

CREAM LUSTRE BLOUSES, with embroidered fronts and trimmed with silk braid. Regular \$2.00 and \$2.25. January Sale Price ..... 75c

COLORADO LUSTRE BLOUSES, in pretty fancy patterns; also plain lustrous, in all colors. Regular \$1.75 to \$2.25. January Sale Price ..... 75c

FLANNELLETTE BLOUSES, nice designs, in the best flannellettes. Regular \$1.75 and \$2.00. January Sale Price ..... 75c

DELAINE BLOUSES, fancy delaines in pretty designs; also plain colors. Regular \$2.00 and \$2.25. January Sale Price ..... 75c

MUSLIN BLOUSES, dainty blouses, trimmed with fine laces and embroideries. Regular \$1.75 to \$2.25. January Sale Price ..... 75c

CHALLIE BLOUSES, in good designs in all the best colorings. Regular \$2.00 and \$2.25. January Sale Price ..... 75c

\$2.50  
\$2.75  
\$3.00  
Fancy Blouses  
for Women  
\$1

Some of our best grades are included in this offering, the fine delaine and challie waist, lustrous in plain and fancy, fancy spot Panamas, some pretty white muslins, in fact plenty of all kinds to choose from for all seasons of the year.

CHALLIE WAISTS, light, medium and dark colors, in choice designs. Regular prices \$2.50 and \$3.00. January Sale Price ..... \$1.00

MUSLIN WAISTS, some very dainty waists, prettily trimmed, worth \$2.50 to \$3.00. January Sale Price \$1.00

CREAM LUSTRE WAISTS, trimmed with silk embroidery and fancy braids, worth \$2.75 and \$3.00. January Sale Price ..... \$1.00

COLORADO LUSTRE WAISTS, in brown and navy, some tailor made styles. Regular \$2.50 to \$3.00. January Sale Price ..... \$1.00

FANCY LUSTRE WAISTS, fancy figured lustrous, nice patterns and all colors. Regular \$2.50 to \$3.00. January Sale Price ..... \$1.00

FANCY FLANNEL WAISTS, good weights in fancy and plain designs. Regular \$2.75 and \$3.00. January Sale Price ..... \$1.00

## Women's Costumes, Great Reductions

We never carry anything over in this department, we always start the season with entirely new lines. To do this we reduce all garments in stock at this time in a manner that will move them out, and quickly. The reductions this year are very large and the garments exceptionally good—in fact these bargains are the kind that come but seldom.

## MODEL COSTUMES WERE \$55 TO \$85, NOW \$25

Our HIGHEST GRADE GARMENTS, most of them models, of which we have only one to sell, limited in quantity, but of the very highest quality. New York and Paris models or copies of models, our very best garments, every one possessing the merit of exclusiveness and individuality. Regular \$55 to \$85 Costumes. January Sale Price ..... \$25

## \$37.50 TO \$50 COSTUMES FOR \$18.50

These are the next lower grades GARMENTS that sold as high as \$50. They are beautiful examples of artistic tailoring, possessing all the merits of the higher priced lines, but not being quite so elaborate in finish. They are made up in handsome Fancy Tweeds and Rich Plain Venetians and Broadcloths in all the best colorings. Regular \$37.50 to \$50 Costumes. January Sale Price ..... \$18.50

## \$27.50 TO \$35 COSTUMES FOR \$13.50

A beautiful HAND TAILORED COSTUME for this price, it hardly seems possible, yet it is true. No tailor or dressmaker can make costumes any better than these are made, and very few will make them for anywhere near this figure, which is for the suit complete. A good assortment of styles and cloths. Regular sale prices \$27.50 to \$35. January Sale Price ..... \$13.50

## \$22.50 AND \$25 TAILORED SUITS FOR \$7.50

PLAIN TAILORED SUITS, most of these are made with long semi-fitted coats and skirts finished with bias fold. Made up in good cloths, nearly all plain colors. Well made and good fitting, the cloth alone would cost this much. Regular \$22.50 and \$25. January Sale Price ..... \$7.50

## MISSES' SUITS REDUCED

A LOT OF MISSES' SUITS, natty styles, made up in very attractive tweeds and plain cloth. These suits were \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00 and \$30.00. January Sale Price ..... \$12.50

## Skirts at Greatly Reduced Prices

A quantity of SKIRTS made of Panama, Lustrous and Tweeds; colors, cream, red, navy, brown, black and mixtures in tweeds. Some are pleated styles, some with folds. Regular \$4.00 to \$4.75. January Sale Price ..... \$1.50

## \$4.50 TO \$6.75 SKIRTS FOR \$2.50

A GOOD ASSORTMENT OF SKIRTS, made of Panamas, Venetians, Vicunas and other cloths in good assortment of colors and made up in the best styles. Regular \$4.50 to \$6.75. January Sale Price ..... \$2.50

## \$8.75 TO \$10 SKIRTS, \$3.90

SOME NICE SKIRTS in this offering, splendid styles made of good quality Panamas, Venetians and other cloths in the most desirable colors. Some of the best bargains in this lot. Regular \$8.75 to \$10.00. Jan. Sale Price \$3.90

## \$11.50 TO \$14.50 SKIRTS, \$3.75

Some of our BEST SKIRTS included in this lot; rich Venetians and Panamas in different colors, made up in the very latest styles, very handsome, dressy skirts. Regular \$11.50 to \$14.50. January Sale Price ..... \$3.75

## Bargain Prices on Women's Coats

This sale provides the chance to buy women's Coats for less than it cost the maker to produce them. We bought most of our coats away under the regular prices and now we offer them at reductions from these special prices. Such coat bargains as these are not to be had every day.

WOMEN'S COATS, reg. \$18.50, \$20.00 and \$22.50. January Sale Price ..... \$7.50

WOMEN'S COATS, reg. \$25, \$30 and \$32.50. January Sale Price ..... \$12.50

WOMEN'S COATS, reg. \$35, \$40 and \$45. January Sale Price ..... \$16.50

## Women's Raincoats for Little Money

## \$13.50 to \$22.50 Raincoats for \$8.75

A lot of RAINCOATS made of heptonette and rubber-lined satin, the colors are fawns, greys, greens, browns, navy, black and some fancy checks. Nearly all these coats are made in the loose back, full cut coat, best suited for rainy weather. They are well made of the best materials and are wonderful bargains at this price. Regular \$13.50 to \$22.50. January Sale Price ..... \$8.75

## \$7.50 to \$10.50 Raincoats for \$3.75

At this price these Coats are less than you would pay for the materials. They are made of good quality heptonette in shades of fawn and grey. They are seven-eighths and full length coats in the semi-fitted and loose back styles, some having belts and dressy plaited back. Well made coats and good desirable styles. The regular values were from \$7.50 to \$10.50. January Sale Price ..... \$3.75

## These Are Not Nearly All

The Bargains that we have to offer. Space does not permit us to mention all the wonderful values that this great sale places before you. There will be great bargains in Women's and Children's Hats, Children's Dresses, Children's Coats, Women's and Children's Flannellette Underwear, Boys' Suits and Overcoats, Men's Overcoats, Men's Furnishings, Women's and Children's Underwear, Silks, Hosiery and many other lines. Sale Starts Monday morning, 8:30.

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Third ..... 82

"SHORE ACRES" COMING.

Rural Play Will Be Presented at the  
Victoria Theatre Next Saturday.

James A. Herne's masterpiece, "Shore Acres," a play that has attracted the attention of millions of playgoers, will be presented at the Victoria theatre on Saturday, January 9th. There have been rural plays time and time again, but in the opinion of the best informed writers on dramatic subjects this country has never seen a rural play that can approach "Shore Acres" in genuine dramatic construction. Mr. Herne was not only a great author, but as a stage director he was a class quite in himself. "Shore Acres" is certainly a faithful representation of country life. There is an underlying current of the play that adds to its great interest—that of sincerity.

The patients at the Tranquille Sanatorium celebrated the Christmas season in royal style, as appears from a letter Dr. C. J. Fagan has just received from the medical superintendent, Dr. B. W. Irving. From all quarters gifts were showered in on the patients, and the individual ones were presented at a Christmas tree entertainment on Christmas eve. The great day was observed by a dinner and by an entertainment in the evening, which included a minstrel show, songs by patients and friends from Kamloops and the reading of a paper called the Tranquille Tattler, edited by a committee of patients.

## SNAPS IN BUILDING LOTS

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## TIMES AD. CALENDAR

JANUARY

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Don't let this be a year of "Don'ts." Let it be a year of affirmation—not of negation—and of adequate advertising. To nearly always have the want ads, working for you is a "canny" plan.

## Local News

Umbrellas covered and repaired. Waites Bros., 641 Fort street.

Heavy bark wood, cut 12 inches for grate and heater. Cameron Lumber Company, Ltd., Phone 910.

January Sale.—Great reductions on blankets, comforters, quilts, sheetings, pillow cases, towels, hostelry and underwear, at Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates street.

If you want to buy, sell or exchange anything, call at Brown's Auction Mart, 742 Fort street.

Old pianos made new, scrapped off and finished in any color desired.—The Woodworkers, Ltd., 731 Johnson street, Phone 1165.

Hosiery Special.—Fine ribbed and plain English cashmere hose, 25c a pair, 5 pairs for \$1. Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates street.

Do not forget that you can get an express or truck at any hour you may wish. Always keep your checks until you have seen us, as we will save you the 10c on each trunk you have to pay to baggage agents on trains and boats. We will check your baggage from your hotel or residence, also store it. See us before you make your arrangements. We guarantee to satisfy everyone on price and the way we handle your goods. We consider it a favor if you will report any overcharges or irregularity on part of our help.  
Pacific Transfer Company,  
Phone 245, 50 Fort St.

January Sale.—Furs and Jackets, all greatly reduced, at Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates street.

Liberal Rooms. Phone 1704.

To Seattle 25c, S.S. Whatcom daily except Thursday, at 8 p.m.

Ten per cent off all bon-bons until New Year's day. A few nice ones left at Acton Bros., 650 Yates. Telephone 1061.

To Seattle 25c, S.S. Whatcom daily except Thursday, at 8 p.m.

Office and pocket clerks in all sizes. Also complete office outfits to be had at the Standard Stationery Co., 1220 Government street.

January Sale.—Bargain for Men.—Braces, regular 50c; sale price, 35c. Fine black cashmere socks, 25c a pair, 5 pairs for \$1. Hemstitched Cambric handkerchiefs, 10c each, 3 for 25c.—Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates street.

To make a pipe wrench: Attach a pair of "Yankee jaws" to your ordinary monkey wrench. Put on in a second. Will hold any pipe. Made of first-class material. Price, 50c per pair. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas street.

GP-bons' toothache gum acts as a temporary filling and stops toothache instantly. Sold at druggists. Price 10c.

## YOU CAN BUY THEM IN CANS

The best of the market is now put up in cans. You can get the best fruits, the best vegetables, the best meats, the best of everything, well preserved and easily done up, in cans. If you want a good meal get some of the following:

CANNED TONGUE, per tin ..... 35c and 45c.  
CANNED PEACHES, per tin ..... 25c and 35c.  
CANNED CORN, per tin ..... 10c.  
CANNED BEANS, per tin ..... 10c.  
CANNED TOMATOES, 4-ounce tins for ..... 25c.  
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A SPECIAL IN FLANNEL SHIRTS.

An English Flannel Shirt, sells regular at \$2.00, to clear at \$1.25 each.

## FINCH & FINCH

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IRISH POPLIN TIES.

The Daughters of Pity will hold a meeting in the Board of Trade rooms on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

On Thursday morning Rev. Christopher Burnett received the sad news of the death of his mother, at the age of 62 years, at the Baptist Manse, Earls' Colne, Essex.

The W. C. T. U. Mission, Yates street, was open all day yesterday and a hearty welcome was extended to all callers. Hot coffee was served and in the evening a musical entertainment was given.

All the public schools will re-open on Monday morning for the spring term. Boys and girls, who have been enjoying a fortnight's holiday, are expected to return to their studies promptly.

In addition to advanced piano tuition, special instruction in the Myers Music Method for Children will be resumed by Miss May Hamilton, honor graduate of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, at her new studio, 1020 Collinson street.

A devotional meeting has been arranged by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Young People's Society for Monday evening. A splendid programme for the ensuing year has been drafted and a most successful season is promised. One week from Monday the young people will hold a mock election. Candidates for the position of mayor, aldermen and school trustees will present their views and a ballot will be cast.

Lieut. G. Mortimer, who represents the Ross Rifle Co., of Quebec, is now in town and will be at the drill hall on Monday night. If there is any one who desires to see or hear of the Ross rifle he should not fail to see Lieut. Mortimer, either at the drill hall or at the Empress hotel. All rifle shots whose business prevents them calling at the Empress should make an effort to be at the drill hall on Monday night.

Martin Roe passed away at the family residence, 907 View street, on Thursday evening. Deceased was a native of London, Ont., and 42 years of age. He leaves a wife and three children, one son, C. E. Roe, of this city, and four daughters, Mrs. A. McIntosh and Miss A. Roe, Vancouver, and Mrs. R. Johnson and Miss D. Roe, of Victoria. The funeral will take place on Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the family residence, and at 9 o'clock at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral.

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## WATCH NIGHT SERVICES HELD IN CHURCHES

Many Congregations Ushered in  
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There were watch-night services held in many of the city churches on Thursday night, the congregations bidding the old year farewell and ushering in the new year with praise and prayer. There was a large congregation at Metropolitan Methodist church, where the watch-night service began at 11:15 p. m. Between 7:30 and 11 the members of the Metropolitan and Spring Ridge Epworth Leagues held a reception in the lecture room. Refreshments, music and games filled in the time. The orchestra, under A. Parfitt, was present at the service. Rev. T. E. Holling spoke from the words, "While I was musing the fire burned," and dwelt on the appropriateness of meditation at this season. He closed his address just after mid-night by wishing everyone a most happy and prosperous new year.

At St. John's church, a short service was held, beginning at half-past eleven and closing soon after mid-night struck. Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard briefly reviewed the events of the past year, and looked forward with optimism to 1909.

A similar service was held at St. Barnabas' church, where Rev. E. G. Miller, the rector, gave an address and impressed upon his hearers the importance of wrestling in prayer with God in order that their Christian life might be fully and properly developed.

The congregation of the First Baptist church gathered in Victoria hall at 11 o'clock. Rev. C. Burnett spoke at some length on topics suitable to the occasion, and in looking forward to the events which must come in 1909 he advised the most profound resignation to God's will.

A service was held in St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, earlier in the evening, beginning at 8 and closing soon after 9. Rev. C. E. Cooper, the rector, spoke of the feeling of thankfulness which should prevail for the mercies of the past year and expressed the hope that the new year would be a bright and happy one.

In the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church a short service was held during the evening, when Rev. Dr. Campbell spoke of the thoughts awakened by the season.

Services were held yesterday at Christ church cathedral, communion being celebrated at 8 a. m. and a service taking place at 11. Bishop Parrish was the preacher. Special prayers were offered for the sufferers in Italy. His lordship asks that in all churches in his diocese prayers should go up on Sunday for the unfortunate people, and he hopes that such will be general in all the other city churches as well.

## NEW YEAR IN PRISON.

Excellent Programme Given in the Jail—Address by Rev. H. A. Carson.

The prisoners in the county jail were entertained yesterday afternoon by permission of Major Mutter, with an excellent programme arranged by Thomas West and presented under the chairmanship of J. E. Andrews. The songs, recitations and instrumental selections were greatly enjoyed by the inmates, and several of the items were enjoyed. Rev. H. A. Carson gave a short address, in which he mingled the humorous and the helpful. A vote of thanks was passed to those who had taken part. The programme was as follows: Recitation, "Rip Van Winkle," D. H. Anderson; song, "Anchored," Mr. Collins; recitation, "Told to the Missionary," T. West; monologue, "Our Four Footed Friends," C. Haworth; recitation, "The Opening Address," Miss Hulgust; song, "The Promise of the King," Miss Maud Harris; a few "Queer Yards," T. West; address, Rev. H. A. Carson; violin solo, "The Flower Song," Miss Roberts; song, "The Skippers of St. Ives," C. Haworth; recitation, "Maud Muller," T. West; instrumental duet, Mr. and Mrs. Channon; song, "The Children's Home," Miss Maud Harris.

## MANY CITIZENS CALL ON

MAYOR AND MRS. HALL

New Year Day Greetings Extended to Chief Magistrate of the City.

Yesterday afternoon Mayor Hall and Mrs. Hall received their many New Year's Day callers at their home, Victoria West. There was a large number of visitors, and for several hours the house was thronged. Refreshments were served in the dining room, which was very prettily decorated with red carnations and green asparagus ferns. Among the many who called were the following:

Richard L. Drugg, Capt. T. N. Brown, Frederick Crease Nivim, Wm. McKay, H. F. Shade, H. Dallas Helmcken, Wm. Scowcroft, J. Parfitt, Simon Leiser, Frederick Davey, M. P. P., Frank Davey, Herbert Leiser, Ald. F. A. Pauline, Ald. H. A. Gleason, G. H. Barnard, M. P. P., Dr. Burt C. Richards, Hon. Richard McBride, Geo. H. Hall, R. P. Green, Eric Gordon, Dr. Ernest A. Hall, Ald. W. T. Fullerton, Ald. Henry Norman, Wm. Winfield Gardiner, J. Bruce McCallum, O. H. Nelson, Ernest B. Jones, Mr. Longfield, sr., R. B. McMicking, Major A. W. Currie, Jesse H. Longfield, Arthur McCurdy, Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall, Herbert Hogg, Capt. T. N. Brown, Arthur N. Kenah, W. Winterborn, Walter Walker, A. Wilson, H. A. Maclean, T. Drysdale, Velich, Jas. Foreman, Thos. R. Cusack, J. M. Langley, P. J. Riddell, R. Erskine, Jas. L. Raymer, A. T. Monteth, Richard Hall, W. W. Northcott, W. P. Allen, Ald. A. McKeown, W. S. Terry, Thos. Tubman, E. B. Reed, W. Kyte Houston, Dr. G. L. Milne, Wm. H. Bone, D. W. Higgins, Abraham E. Smith, Walter E. Stanland, Geo. McCandless, Rev. T. E. Holling, B. A. F. Perkins, Wm. Minty, J. G. Harnd, R. C. Hall, E. B. H. Rickaby, J. Stuart Yates, Wm. Winfield Gardiner, Dr. H. E. McMicking, Albert Parfitt, Rev. D. Campbell, J. G. Brown, Arthur Lee, Fred Parfitt, B. Lewis, C. H. R. Topp, Ed. B. Paul, superintendent education, Mr. C. Crawford, Major Hibben, Rev. Dr. McRae, Capt. Harris, Ald. J. Messon, Dr. G. A. B. Hall, M. P. P., Robert Morrison, D. Fraser, Mr. Moore, W. A. Robertson, James Bell, D. Fulton, F. Gilchrist and J. Martin.

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### BILLIARDS.

#### ANDERSON WINS TOURNAMENT.

The Empress billiard tournament closed the last night of the year, when H. G. Anderson, manager of the Balmoral hotel, won from W. P. Gooch in the final. Mr. Anderson reached 250 when Mr. Gooch had 219 to his credit. The tournament has lasted three weeks and occupied the attention of twenty-six players.

#### AUSTRALIA'S CHAMPION.

The result of the Australian championship was an easy win for Fred Lindrum, who is only twenty years of age, over Charles Memmott. The game was 14,000 up, and Lindrum won by no fewer than 5,889 points. On the last night of the match the winner, in a break of 295, scored 267 off the red ball.

### CHESS.

#### PENNSYLVANIA WINS.

New York, Jan. 2.—The tenth annual tournament of the triangular colleges chess league ended on Thursday with the university of Pennsylvania team an easy winner over Cornell, the tri-college champions of last year, who took second, and Brown, last. The final score was: Pennsylvania 7, Cornell 3½ and Brown 1½.

The highest church steeple in the world is that of the cathedral of Antwerp, 456 feet.

### BAYLIS FIRST IN NEW YEAR'S DAY ROAD RACE

Eight Started—Beckwith Second and Dickson Third.

Frank Baylis, the local long distance runner, after leading all the way round the course of six miles 352 yards in the Y. M. C. A. New Year's day road race yesterday morning, finished first in 35 minutes 26 seconds. He again demonstrated there is no local runner who can come within winning distance of him, and that he can run the distance making his own pace all the way and still have plenty left for a fast finish when in sight of the tape.

Baylis, running under J. B. A. A. colors, won from Beckwith, of the Y. M. C. A., being ten seconds ahead, while the third man, Dickson, also of the Y. M. C. A., ran a fine race till the fifth mile, where he fell about 200 yards behind, which position he maintained till the finish, being about 50 yards ahead of Kiddle, who finished fourth. Eight men started at the sound of Mayor Hall's pistol at 10.30, after hearing the course defined and answering to their names. They were F. Baylis, C. Baylis, Dickson, Dean, Kiddle, Dinsdale, Beckwith and Jasper. The men went away at a fast pace, F. Baylis leading, and closely followed by Beckwith, Dean, Dickson and Kiddle, who kept well together till the Chemical Works was reached, Jasper, Dinsdale and C. Baylis lagged a hundred yards behind at the J. B. A. A., having followed hard across the causeway.

The same positions were maintained till passing the Dallas hotel, where F. Baylis spurred, going up the hill with Beckwith, Dickson, Dean and Kiddle staying with him. The hill, however, was too much for Dean and Kiddle, who lost ground, Dean suffering from stomach cramps. The three leaders were followed by Beckwith twenty yards away and Kiddle twenty yards back till half way round Dallas road, where Kiddle passed Dean, who kept plugging away up the hill. Jasper was a long way behind, and fell out at the park, with Dinsdale and C. Baylis still farther in the rear.

Reaching Beacon Hill park Baylis, Beckwith and Dickson were still together, Kiddle and Dean within one hundred yards of them, halving the distance with Kiddle in front. Baylis increased his lead the first time round and took the far slope with a big yard, which was too fast for Dickson, who dropped back twenty yards. Kiddle followed a third of a mile behind, and was three hundred yards ahead of Dean. Jasper, who dropped out, was taken up by Arthur Lea's automobile on entering the park, suffering with cramps in the legs. Commencing the second time round Dean dropped with cramps and swung under a tree in a heap. Several spectators at once ran to his assistance and found him doubled up. He, however, threw them off and made an attempt to finish the two and a half miles to go, but after another half mile was compelled to give up owing to cramps in the stomach. Baylis and Beckwith kept close together, while Kiddle spurred as the runners left the park to take the home road along Douglas, Superior, Government, Fort and Broad streets. Baylis increased his lead slightly, and ran in two hundred yards ahead of Beckwith, who gained second place by the distance from Government and Fort streets. Kiddle made a gallant fight with Dickson for third position, gaining ground rapidly as he ran up Government street. Dickson, however, gained third with Kiddle fourth. Dinsdale, the winner, F. Baylis was lifted shoulder high at the finish and cheered. He takes the mayor's silver cup, to be won two years in succession, and the Y. M. C. A. gold medal. Silver medals, presented by Brook Vale and the Y. M. C. A., were won by the second and third men, J. G. Brown was time keeper, Mayor Hall and A. C. Horn, judges, and Arthur Lea track judge.

### WALKER BREAKS 100-METRE RECORD

Pretoria, Jan. 2.—J. E. Walker, the South African, yesterday established a new world's record of 10.2 seconds for the 100 metre dash. Walker won the 100 metres at the Olympic games at London in 10.4 seconds. A few days ago he ran 100 yards in 9.2 seconds.

### NANAIMO RUGBY MEN ARE SNOWED UNDER

Players Dissatisfied With Spalding as Referee—Lowrey Kicks Five.

Nanaimo came down to Victoria with ten men to play Rugby against the locals yesterday. The ten, they brought were snatched up at the train the last minute, the others having failed to fill their engagement and be on time. Of their original team but four appeared, the balance being substitutes who came for the trip.

Victoria won by 31 to nothing. Nanaimo did not hope to win, they came down as good sportsmen to fill the date. The ten who came were McKinnell, Van Schader, Milburn, Stewart, H. Bennett, T. Bennett, Brown, Wilson, King and Hill. They completed their line up with Snowden, Bell, Pitts, Gillespie and Jeffs of the local squad. The match was a walk over and no comparison can be made.

One feature, however, was the refereeing of Spalding, who had the whistle half time and then surrendered it to Moresby at the request of the Nanaimo captain. McKinnell, who complained that Spalding had not sufficient knowledge of the game to carry out the duties of referee efficiently. Moresby refereed the second half to the satisfaction of both teams.

Lowrey, for Victoria, scored five times out of seven. Victoria obtained eight points against the wind in the first half. Owing to the cold and to other attractions the attendance was very small.

### THE OAR.

#### BAY CREWS IN DEAD HEAT.

Donaldson's and Finlayson's crews failed yesterday to settle the difference of speed between them after two tests on James bay. The two J. B. A. A. crews rowed in a challenge race from Coffin island to the boat sheds. Finlayson's crew issued the challenge, which was accepted by Donaldson's. The first race resulted in a collision opposite the boat sheds a few yards from the finish. The crews returned to Coffin island and rowed again, the second race ending in a draw. The honors were even and the race will be rowed over again in about two weeks. The crews were: (1) Donaldson, stroke; Thompson, 3; Jas. Donaldson, 2; Bendrodt, bow. (2) Finlayson, stroke; Monteith, 3; Laing, 2, and Monck, bow.

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

#### MAY VISIT VICTORIA.

Ed. Whyte came to town Thursday to spend New Year's Day and bring news that soccer is going ahead in Alberni. There is a proposal on foot there to bring a team to Victoria at the end of the season, playing Lady-smith and Nanaimo on the way.

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Following the usual custom on New Year's day there was a long list of callers at Government House yesterday to extend to the Lieut.-Governor their well wishes for the new year. Hon. James Dunsmuir was assisted by his aide-de-camp, B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, and his secretaries, Mr. Musket and Mr. Bromley, and all afternoon the many visitors were cordially received and entertained.

The New Year's day callers were as follows:

Bishop of Columbia, E. Baynes Reed, Major C. Moss, Duncan; H. A. S. Morley, T. G. Woodbridge, Arnold Morley, A. O. Hoakes, John Cleart, J. B. McKilligan, C. S. McKilligan, Chas. E. Pooley, A. T. Monteith, A. Campbell McCallum, A. G. Howard Potts, J. L. Skene, Geo. L. Courtney, Capt. W. E. George, Lionel J. Peake, H. A. Munn, A. G. Sargison, G. G. Fraser, Sydney Child, C. H. Topp, G. D. Kitto, H. D. Tilly, Mr. Cuppage, Edward Musgrave, Judge Harrison, Leonard H. Solly, G. E. Milne, M. E. W. K. Houston, M. B. Carlin, H. H. Ross, W. C. Todd, A. F. Griffiths, J. K. Worsfold, John Nelson, Thos. Finch, E. B. Paul, J. S. Gibbs, E. B. McKay, Stewart Williams, Major J. Wilson, Capt. John T. Walbran, Robt. H. Watt, B. M. Thaw, P. Musgrave, Louis R. Davies, J. P. V. Cowley, E. B. Marvin, J. A. Mara, W. C. Patterson, J. McNair, A. B. Fraser, Jr., R. W. Jerry, C. Johnson, E. H. Hiscocock, C. Dubois Mason, J. P. Mann, M. A. Wyde, W. Runnals, W. O. Sparrow, Henry M. Mason, W. A. Goodwin, J. M. Langley, S. W. Gidley, Duncan, E. A. Hiscocock, R. H. Hiscocock, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Capt. Chas. E. Clarke, Alex. Wilson, W. A. Staneland, C. Banfield Daniel, Chas. H. Lugin, George Hall, M. D. E. Shaw, G. W. R. Daniel, Wm. Henderson, W. G. Winterburn, F. M. Perkins, Walter Edgar Fawcett, W. J. Burnes, W. A. Gleason, John Maston, T. J. Burnes, Jas. McArthur, M. H. McLean, Seattle, C. H. C. Payne, Geo. McCandless, A. Montgomery, Abraham E. Smith, J. Francis Mason, J. E. Hobson, A. J. Dailan, D. W. Higgins, W. H. Bone, G. F. Mathews, B. C. Mess, E. J. Wootton, E. E. Wootton, Herbert Hogg, Colin Hogg, Arthur W. Frank Hill, Arthur Longfield, Dr. Alexander Proudfoot, Rev. D. McDonald Fraser, H. D. Parizeau, F. J. Marshall, W. F. Bullen, John Hyland, C. E. Berkelp, W. Christie, J. A. Lindsay, S. Baxter, Jas. Gaudin, J. R. P. Gaudin, H. P. O'Farrell, D. R. Irvine, Lieut.-Col. R. Wolfenden, I. S. O. V. D., N. A. Wolfenden, E. H. Fletcher, Jas. Forman, A. W. D. Wilby, F. C. Nevin, Clement Goss, F. S. Bone, R. L. Drury, T. R. Cusack, F. D. Frae, J. D. Dier, George Jay, H. H. Mackenzie, Cuddie, Howard Chapman, Dr. Ralph Bamford, A. B. Stewart, George Thomson, W. A. Robbins, F. Elworthy, P. Fowler, C. F. Moore, Rev. T. E. Holling, Arthur Lee, A. J. Kitto, L. S. V. York, H. J. Langton, G. C. Howell, H. Ronald Scafe, Chas. E. Redfern, A. S. Innes, J. Hales Sweet, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, W. H. Wilkerson, H. E. Shadle, Wm. Coward, Wm. Wilson, H. Jones, R. P. Knott, John Wulfsch, Lieut.-Col. J. Hall, and officers of Fifth Regiment, C. A. Capt. W. C. F. Sullivan, Capt. E. H. Tooley, Lieut. F. B. Eaton, Duncan B. McLean, G. H. Jennings, J. Keith Wilson, Fred Davey, Frank Davey, J. Warrington, F. D. Todd, James Hopkins, G. O. Leask, Arthur O'Leary, Thos. S. Mulligan, J. M. Savage, D. McIntosh, D. G. Harbell, W. D. Macintosh, R. E. Gosnell, E. S. Jephson, W. Curtis Sampson, F. A. Pauline, Henry Martin, Samuel Marten, A. T. Robertson, Thos. S. Futcher, E. Rigley, E. S. Woodward, W. Marchant, Thos. B. Monk, Dr. Powell, H. S. Powell, J. D. Pemberton, E. Mohun, Guy Langton, F. G. Ashton, A. G. King, J. C. Chas. Charlton, E. J. Hearn, Thomas Smith, Simon Leiser, Herbert Leiser, J. B. H. Rickaby, Thomas Shotbolt, F. W. Jones, John A. Wood, W. Fred Robertson, R. Ross Sutherland, Jas. A. Mitchell, A. George, William H. P. Sweeney, J. H. McConnell, H. T. Knott, A. G. Huxtable, A. Parfitt, T. C. Mathew, Wm. Gordon, H. S. Crotty, Rev. E. G. Miller, Rev. A. J. Stanley, Ard. Thomas M. Ard, L. A. Finch, R. H. Duce, H. H. Jones, John Black, Jas. K. Rebbeck, A. J. Morley, S. C. Clarke, B. F. Sowergers, Clifford Jenkinson, Wm. Pigott, E. V. Bodgwell, D. E. Campbell, J. F. Ritchie, David Spencer, C. Spencer, D. B. McCannan, J. Wilson, O. H. Nelson, W. Atkins, Donald A. Fraser, Douglas Muir, Jas. Bell, W. A. Robertson, J. B. McCallum, E. B. Jones, S. Phipps, John P. Babcock, A. C. Flumerfelt, D. R. Ker, T. Drysdale Veltch, C. A. Futcher, R. P. Clark, Strawberry Vale, A. W. Currie, A. J. C. Galletly, W. C. Cuyser, A. H. Pigott, B. N. Cabot, Metchoud, C. D. Steedman, W. C. Bennett, J. W. Laing, J. T. Meredith, A. D. Musket, Thos. C. Sorby, Sheriff F. Richards, B. C. Richards, George H. Hall, Edward Hasell, A. H. Wallace, E. Guy Warner, A. D. C. Pease, Sydney A. Roberts, J. A. Alkman, J. A. Turner, A. W. McVittie.



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Louis James is coming here this season with another triumph, more daring in its design, more brilliant in its fulfillment, and more emphatic in its result than anything this resourceful player has before achieved. Mr. James will be seen at the Victoria theatre on Monday night in Richard Mansfield's massive spectacular production of Henrik Ibsen's poetical comedy, "Peer Gynt." It has been the theme of all reviewers that no other actor but Mansfield would have lavished the poem with such a wealth of scenery and effects, and that no American actor but Louis James would have the courage to continue in this great production.

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New York, Jan. 2.—Arrived steamer Rhein from Bremen.

The crew of the sailing schooner Josie is now complete in readiness for her trip to the California coast.

## Ocean and Coastwise Shipping

Movements of Local Vessels—Trade Expansion in B. C. Waters—  
Cleanings of Interest From the Seven Seas.

### MONTEAGLE HAS REACHED PORT

SILK AND GOATSKINS FROM THE ORIENT

Steamship Brought a Number of Passengers From Different Points.

The steamer Monteagle, which arrived from Hongkong via Shanghai and Yokohama this morning, had a particularly pleasant trip, no wind delaying her or sea causing unpleasantness among the passengers. Just after she left Yokohama she encountered a light gale, but it helped her along, and when she rounded Cape Beale, the sea was coming up, but she was in before it amounted to anything. The French mail steamer left Hongkong just two hours ahead of the Monteagle and ran into a typhoon just out of Hongkong. She had a good shaking up, but suffered no serious damage. The Monteagle, however, missed it altogether.

The liner brought 2,300 tons of cargo in all, 500 tons of which was unloaded here this morning before she left for Vancouver. Of the other cargo there was 1,670 bales of silk worth 500 yen per bale, or in all somewhere about \$4,000. Besides this there were 500 tons of tea, 550 tons of rice, 1,250 tons of general merchandise, and 200 tons of goatskins from China.

There were fifteen saloon passengers, thirty-four European steerage, and 17 Asiatic steerage. Of the saloon passengers, H. Belcombe and D. Collins were from Guam, Ladrones Islands, where they have been on the United States cable staff, and are bound for Vancouver where they expect to remain; Mr. Lachlan, the C. P. R. agent from Taipei, Formosa; S. Hanika, an insurance agent; Rev. J. A. Johansen, a returning missionary; W. A. Lloyd, R. N., paymaster of the U. S. forces at Manila navy yard; Mrs. Otto Meyer, of Vladivostok; A. W. Playfair, a brother of Mr. Playfair, of this city, who has been teaching in a university at Tokyo; Tau Wen Chien, a medical student going to the Wisconsin University for a five years' course; Mrs. P. A. Smith, Mr. Smith, R. Wallace, W. A. Birks, Yuen Cheng and Master Jim Chong.

Speaking of Formosa, Mr. Lachlan, who represents Jardine, Matheson & Co. at that place, says that the head hunters are usually active about this time of year, but that this year the Japanese have taken the initiative and sent in about two thousand troops from Keelung to the centre of the island. The Japanese, he says, have been very forbearing with the natives, but it has been found impossible to do anything with them, and the result is they will have to be exterminated as a means of protection to the people living there. In the north end of the island the people are yellow, somewhat resembling the Chinese in appearance, but in the centre and south of the island the natives are darker, much like the Malays. The principal article of commerce is camphor.

Mrs. Otto Meyer, who is the wife of the manager of Diedrichsen Jensen, a brother to Mr. Jensen, of Jensen & Ostrander, had some interesting information to give about Vladivostok. The city is under military control, but times have been very good there since the war. The large number of military make such a large pay roll that it supports a large population from this source alone. The result of the good times is that rents have gone away up until they are nearly as high as in New York City. A number of concessions have recently been granted to lumber merchants who are going to develop the lumbering industries of that vast land. This will have an important effect on the lumbering industry of the Pacific. Mrs. Meyer is on her way to California for a holiday.

### SLIGHT INCREASE IN LUMBER RATES

Ricart de Soler to Load for Valparaiso on Owner's Account.

H. A. Frederick & Co., of Seattle, report the following:

The last week has been rather quiet on account of the holidays, with not many coastwise lumber charters to report. Rates to San Francisco are \$3.75; and \$4.25 and \$4.50 to Southern ports. The schooner Cecelia Sudden has been fixed at \$4.50 from Willapa Harbor to San Pedro and the steamship Fairhaven was chartered at \$4.50 from Grays Harbor to San Pedro, while the steamship J. H. Stetson was chartered at \$7.50 from Grays Harbor to San Francisco. Although little chartering has been done, rates have taken a slight advance, noticeable principally in the Southern freights.

The steamer Homer, which was reported last week, has again been fixed for a return cargo of barley at \$2.50 from Portland to San Francisco. Until the owners' ideas come down, there will be practically no charters for full cargoes of grain, as the market is very dull and not expected to revive until early next year.

Several fixtures have been made in offshore lumber carriers, especially to the West Coast of South America. The little barkentine Wrestler was chartered at about \$65 from Columbia river to two ports on the West Coast of South America and the Norwegian ship Arrammore from Puget Sound to Mejillones at \$35, while the steamship Severa is reported on time charter, \$2.50, from Eureka and Puget Sound to Chilean and Peruvian ports.

The Ricart de Soler, a Chilean ship, has just arrived on Puget Sound and will take lumber to Valparaiso for orders—owners' account and on the Polaris, which was reported chartered some time ago, a rate of \$55 from Grays Harbor to Sydney has just been made public.

The steamer Selja is reported on time charter from Columbia river to the Orient.

PACIFIC LINERS WAIT FOR MAILS

Makura and Empress of China Both Leave This Afternoon.

The mails from England for the Orient have been delayed a good deal owing to the washout in the mountains. The Empress of China left just after noon to-day three days late. Yesterday she dropped out of Vancouver harbor and anchored in English Bay in order that she might not be delayed in any way once the mails arrived. Her action was justified this morning for a thick fog hung over the inlet when she left English Bay with the mails aboard. The Monteagle came over last night, but she had to wait for the Empress, which brought the latest mail bags for Australia. Both are now on their way to their destination. The delay of the Makura gave a number of people an opportunity to go over the new Australian liner. All were loud in their praises of her fine fittings and furnishings.

PART OF CREW LEAVE. Cable Ship Restorer Has Only About Fifty of Her Men Left.

Among the passengers to Yokohama on the Empress of China to-day were twelve Japanese, who had just been paid off from the cable ship Restorer. Their time had just expired, and they decided to return home. This leaves about fifty Japanese on the cable ship, which is at present lying in Esquimalt harbor. Should she have to go out at any time she would have to take about fifty white men to replace the Japanese, who have from time to time been sent home from her, her full crew being in the neighborhood of one hundred.

QUEEN ARRIVES. Number of Passengers and Quantity of Freight For Victoria.

Steamer Queen arrived from San Francisco on Thursday evening after making a fast trip. She brought a quantity of freight for Victoria and a number of passengers, the following being the list: P. Richardson, Mrs. P. Hillen, P. Hillen, N. B. Zett, A. H. Meyer, Wm. H. Austin, Miss M. O'Connor, Mrs. R. Austin, Mrs. A. D. Cunningham, E. W. Grace, Mrs. P. D. Robinson and J. Cavighi.

Steamer Umatilla leaves for the south this evening.

BUOY REPLACED. A wireless message received Thursday by Captain Gaudin from Captain Hackett of the steamer Quadra stated that they had been successful in locating the buoy which was recently reported adrift in Plover Pass. The buoy was picked up and has already been replaced in position. This was quick work, and mariners who pass that way will now be able to go their way without danger.

DEATH OF JUDGE YOAKUM. Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 2.—Judge C. H. Yoakum, general attorney of the "Price" line in Texas, and brother of B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the "Price-Rock Island board," is dead at his home here as a result of an attack of apoplexy.

## SHIPPING REPORT

Cape Lazo, Jan. 2, 8 a.m.—Cloudy; calm; bar, 29.53; temp., 32. Sea smooth. Point Grey, Jan. 2, 8 a.m.—Raining; thick fog in inlet; calm; bar, 29.41; temp., 32.

Tatoosh, Jan. 2, 6 a.m.—Light rain; wind east 24 miles; bar, 29.33; temp., 40. Sea smooth.

Estevan, Jan. 2, 6 a.m.—Light rain; light easterly wind; bar, 29.59; temp., 42. Sea moderate.

Point Grey, Jan. 2, noon.—Rain; heavy; calm; bar, 29.59; temp., 42. Cape Lazo, Jan. 2, noon.—Cloudy; calm; bar, 29.53; temp., 33. Sea smooth.

Tatoosh, Jan. 2, noon.—Light rain; wind east 12 miles; bar, 29.61; temp., 46. Estevan, Jan. 2, noon.—Drizzle; foggy; calm; bar, 29.65; temp., 45. Sea smooth.

Pachena, Jan. 2, noon.—Light rain; fog; light southeast breeze; bar, 29.44; temp., 42. Sea smooth.

Atlantic liner Empress of Ireland arrived last night at 7.55, landing her passengers at St. John.



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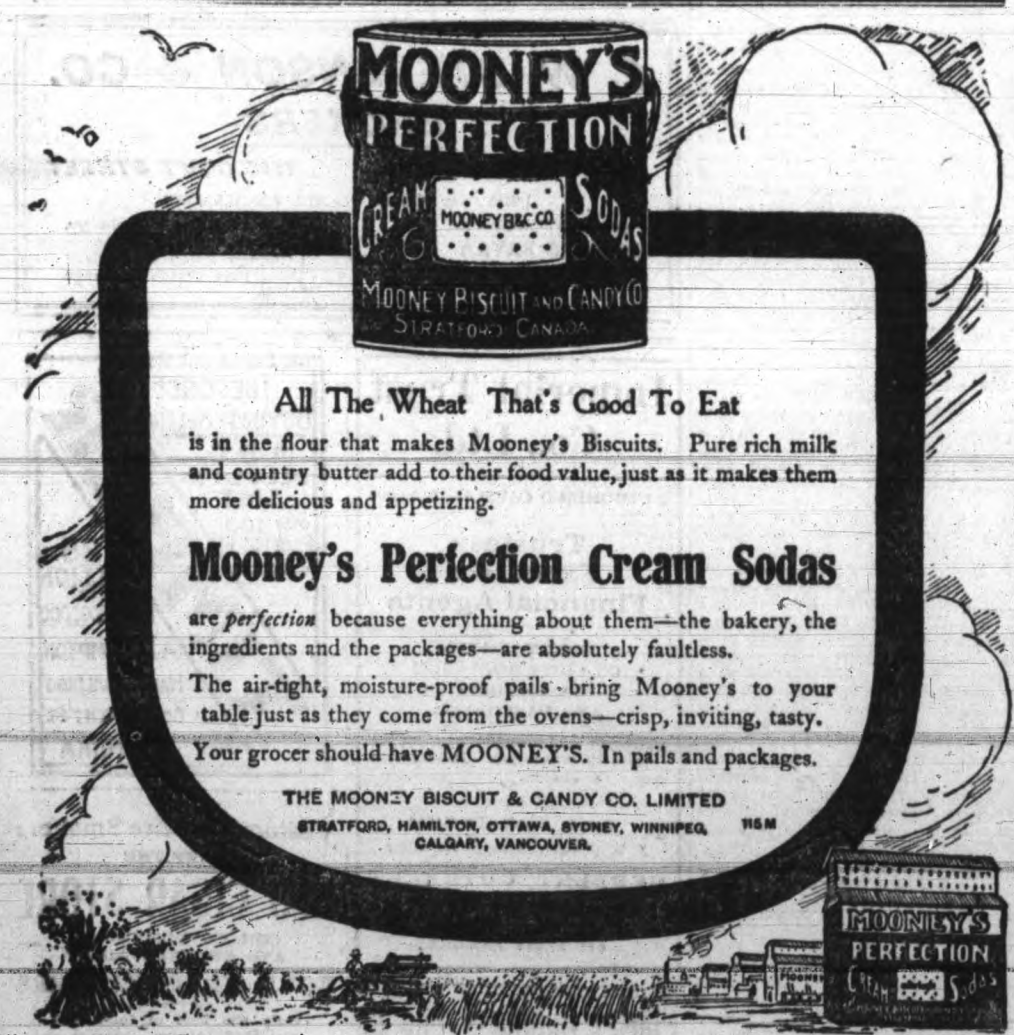
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"Jack Larson has shot Mr. Lambert; killed him, you say?" She whispered hoarsely, sinking down on the side of the bed. "How awful! Oh Nan, how could you act so when you knew how jealous Jack was?"

Nan began to excuse herself, but Rose sprang up, saying: "We mustn't let father know. You go down stairs and pull down the blind of the window and see us driving away. I must take Jack to the station, of course. But father would keep him here to be arrested and hanged if he knew. He is so hard, and Jack is the only brother I have ever known. Tell the doctor when I have gone. I don't speak to him for fear he should try to stop me."

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## A PRAIRIE ROSE

Written for the Times by Marguerite Evans.

### CHAPTER IX.

Rose Russell stood before her mirror putting the last finishing touches to her bridal toilet of pure white, with a glad, happy face. Across the narrow hall she could hear the man who was soon to be her husband, whistling a few bars of "Annie Laurie." Events had passed so quickly upon her during the past few months that she found it hard to realize that she was so soon to leave her girlhood behind her. It had been arranged that for the present she should continue to make her home at the manse, as it was impossible for her to leave her father.

The doctor had sent to Winnipeg for a bride bouquet of white carnations for her, and she was just arranging one of the fragrant flowers in her brown hair, when the door of her room was burst open and Nan, wild-eyed, and dishevelled, rushed in—with an incoherent story which it took Rose some minutes to grasp.

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But, hark! what was that? Rose strained her ears, and peered with frightened eyes into the black gulf of darkness behind them. The furious beat of horse hoofs on the sodden trail was distinctly audible. Then, a voice, a strangely familiar voice, shouted, "Hold, or I fire."

"It is of no use for you to go on," Rose whispered fearfully to her companion, "they are sure to catch us, for the ponies are played right out, and even if you did make out to catch the train, they would wire, and have you arrested at the first station. You must jump, and take chances of escaping across country, while I will keep ahead as long as I possibly can, so as to give you a chance."

Larson relinquished the lines into his cousin's capable hands. "Drive like the 'Sam Hill' and make the station if you can," he said, and then jumped, silently over the edge of the buggy in the shadow of a hay stack.

The ponies, their load lessened by two hundred pounds, made quicker time, and Rose reached the station just in time to have transferred her passenger, if she had still carried one, to the outgoing west-bound train. As it was, still conscious of being closely followed, she pulled up in the shadow close to the track, thus giving the impression to her pursuer that Larson had actually boarded the train, and when it had pulled out she found herself, alone, in a strange town on her wedding night.

(To be Continued.)

### SOCIAL EVENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gidley, of Dunsmuir, are in town.

Mrs. W. S. Goodwin and family are visiting friends in Seattle.

Mrs. D. Boyce Sprague, of Winnipeg, is a recent arrival in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Barlow, of Nanaimo, are guests in town.

A number of Victorians attended a New Year's eve ball at Sidney.

John Piercy leaves on Monday on the Rupert City for Prince Rupert.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cannington and family, of Grand Forks, are spending a short time in Victoria.

Mrs. C. Rhodes purposes leaving shortly for California, where she will spend the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Furlonger, Miss Troup, and Miss Mainwaring-Johnson attended the Vancouver club ball.

Miss Blakemore and Mr. Lyod Hall, of Vancouver, are spending the week end with Mr. W. Blakemore at "Wulfenna," Belcher street.

Mrs. Marion Patterson, formerly proprietress of the King Edward hotel, and the Vernon, who has for some time been residing in Vancouver, is in town renewing old friendships. Miss Julia Brinkley is with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McMicking and family are occupying the residence of Major McMillan, corner Cook and Collierton streets, for the winter months. Mr. McMicking was formerly manager of the Union bank at Winnipeg, but resigned to come West, where he has large mining interests which demand his attention. Mr. McMicking is a nephew of Mr. R. B. McMicking of this city.

Mrs. J. D. Sinclair gave a very enjoyable dance at her home on Macdure street on Monday evening last, assisted by her niece, Miss Louise Bragg, and Mrs. McIlwaine. Among the guests present were Mrs. Wright, Mrs. McIlwaine, Misses Bragg, Wright, Switzer, Parfitt, Mabel Parfitt, Burns and Anderson and Messrs. Ferguson, David W. Black, William Warwick Hamilton, Baker, Bell, Bragg, Salloway, Young and Adams.

A number of Victorians welcomed the coming of the New Year from the beautifully decorated dining room of the Empress. The centre of each table held a rustic basket filled with moss, carnations, poinsettias, hyacinths and asparagus ferns. A huge Union Jack was suspended at the end of the dining room, and at ten minutes to twelve this was drawn aside, revealing a gigantic clock, surrounded with evergreens. Exactly on the stroke of twelve the figures "1909" flashed out in red electric lights over the top of the clock, and the band played "Auld Lang Syne." This was followed by "Happy New Years" exchanged all over the building, and shortly afterwards dancing commenced in the rotunda where the Xmas decorations were still in evidence. Among the Victorians present were: Mr. A. B. Stewart and party, Dr. Hall, Mr. P. Lay, Mr. Trewartha, James and party, Mrs. Roger (Cherry Creek), Mr. Todd and party, Mr. McKay, Mr. Watson, and a number of others.

### WHAT IS ITCH DIRT?

It is the old Anglo-Saxon name for Dandruff and it's a good one. If you have dandruff you have itchy dirt and the little microbes that are part and parcel of dandruff are working persistently night and day and sooner or later will reach the very life of your hair and destroy its vitality. Then you'll be bald—bald to stay—for not even the wonderful rejuvenating properties in Parian Sage can grow hair after the hair bulb or root is dead. Parian Sage cures Dandruff. Dr. E. Campbell the druggist, sells it—recommends it and guarantees it. It costs a large bottle and your money back if it fails to cure Dandruff, Falling Hair and Itching of the Scalp.



### No Chemicals for Anty Drudge.

Mrs. Neighbor—"Anty Drudge, I'm sure you must use chemicals in your wash. I've boiled my clothes and rubbed them till my fingers are blistered, but they look yellow beside yours."

Anty Drudge—"No, I didn't use chemicals, nor I didn't boil them nor rub them hard. I used Fels-Naptha in lukewarm water. Fels-Naptha took the dirt out of my clothes while you were rubbing dirt into yours. That makes the difference."

### What soap will you use to wash clothes?

If you insist on weakening your clothes by boiling them, wearing them out by hard-rubbing, putting up with all the inconveniences of hot fires, nauseous steaming suds and yellow clothes, it doesn't matter which you use.

But if you want to do your washing comfortably, in cold or lukewarm water, without hard work and in half the time—then there is only one soap for you—and that soap is Fels-Naptha.

The reason why is in the different way Fels-Naptha is made. The results speak for themselves. Get Fels-Naptha from your grocer and try it. But be sure and use it the Fels-Naptha way—no hot water. Follow directions on the red and green wrapper.

### MARGUERITE PETALS

We have given the right hand of good fellowship to the new year, welcomed him into our midst, and having done so, we are in duty bound to treat him with proper respect—work with him in fact—in such a way that his name shall go down to history as the most famous year since time began. The year is but a baby yet, and dependent on us for care, for help, for advice, and it is our duty to set him a good example.

I have made the year of the masculine sex advisedly—he has been labelled "it" long enough, and how can a neutral amount to anything? That's what has been the matter with all the previous years—they have simply been "it," spelled with a small I too, and they haven't had a chance to assert themselves. To the men has hitherto been accorded the privilege of talking, to the women the privilege of listening. By making the year 1909 masculine we give him a chance to see what he can do for the good of humanity. We hope he will do great things. If he doesn't we shall label him feminine next year. Then there will be lots of talking anyhow.

The women are going to accomplish great things this year—they are going to advance the temperance cause; the work of higher education will be carried on along lines little touched before—they are in fact going to talk less and act more; they are going to practice shooting (metaphorically, of course) and in the future when they aim at an object they are going to hit it. The trouble with most of them in the past has been that they weren't very sure what they wanted to strike. When they aimed, so to speak, at a barn, they weren't very sure whether it was the door, or the roof they had a spite against, consequently they struck midway and didn't hit anything in particular. This year they are going to do better and 1909 being of the masculine gender is bound to be chivalrous and help them. What they shall have accomplished when the year twelve months hence remains yet to be recorded, but they have been in a state of preparation long





## It Is No Trouble to Cook If You Own a Gas Range

Everyone who has cooked with gas realizes its many advantages over coal and wood. Oil and other combustibles are inconvenient and dangerous, but gas is safe, clean, convenient and satisfactory. With gas the heat can be regulated to an absolute certainty; a quick oven and a slow-boiling fire may be had at the same time. For broiling a Gas Range has no equal. It is by cleanliness and economy that gas has won such a host of friends.



Do you know how much time you are wasting in chopping "kindling" for coal or wood stoves and carrying dusty coal or ashes backwards and forwards? Do you know that a kitchen where a Gas Stove is in use is always clean and tidy, spic and span? Quick as a wink you have your fire without trouble of building—turn off the gas tap and it is out; drudgery, worry and money saved. A Gas Range means the economy of your great-grandmother, combined with the science of modern invention. Let us show you how easy and how inexpensive it is to cook with Gas. Our reasonableness of price for good Gas Ranges and Radiators will pleasantly surprise you.



Do you know what comfort there is in good Gas Heat? Do you know that without any fuss or bother you can quickly warm a cold or a chilly hallway with a Gas Radiator or a Gas Grate? There may be some particular room in your house that you cannot heat easily with a furnace and impracticable to use a wood or coal stove. This difficulty is easily overcome with a Gas Heater. In bedroom, bathroom, living room, drawing room, den, hall or office—anywhere from attic to basement, Gas Heat will impart healthful warmth and cosiness at minimum expense. No smell, no smoke, no dust, no work, but all heat, where you want and when you want it.



YOU ARE MOST CORDIALLY WELCOME TO VISIT OUR SHOWROOMS, WHETHER YOU DESIRE TO PURCHASE OR MERELY TO LOOK. WE WILL GLADLY EXPLAIN THE MANY ADVANTAGES OF GAS FOR COOKING AND HEATING PURPOSES.

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### LEAD OUTPUT OF PROVINCE

#### GOVERNMENT BOUNTY HAS ENSURED WORK

#### G. O. Buchanan Reviews the Operations in Mines for Past Year.

G. O. Buchanan, in his review of the silver-lead industry, which appeared in the Nelson Daily News annual number published on January 1st, says: Notwithstanding the elimination of some familiar names the list of mines in Kootenay and Yale which have shipped silver-lead ores during 1908, is of respectable length.

We note the following: St. Eugene, North Star, Sullivan, Blue Bell, Richmond-Eureka, Standard, Vancouver, Whitewater, Whitewater Deep, Rambler-Cariboo, Silver Cup, Ruth, Reco, Emerald, Monarch (Field), Golden Giant, Hewitt, Arlington (Erie), Arlington (Slocan), American Boy, Alpha, Blue Bird (Sandon), Blue Bird (Rossland), Black Diamond, Cork Canadian Group, Curlew, Empress, Elkhorn, Early Bird, Fisher Maiden, Homestake, Hattie Brown, Hot Punch, Keystone, Last Chance, Lone Bachelor, Mayflower, Little Robert, Maestro, Millie Mack, Montezuma, No. 1, Province, Providence, Queen-Dominion, Rio, Sally, Silver Hustler, Silver Glimmer, Silver Star, Sovereign, Sunset, Spokane, Silver Bell, B. C. & Tibbury, Wakefield, Wellington, Westmont, Ymir, Kootenay Ore Co., LaPlata, Molly Hughes, Sunshine, Liberty, Pergus, Gallagher, Hylands, Libby, McAllister Group, New Jerusalem, Maggie, Scorio Verde, Red Eagle, Revenue, Summit, True Fisure, Ruby, Royal Irish, Blamark, Yukon, Duncan, Crescent.

The production of lead for the year will be about 22,000 tons, as compared with 28,000 tons in 1907, 26,383 tons in 1906, and 24,254 tons in 1905, showing a gradual falling-off in the volume of output.

The term for which the Lead Bounty Act of 1905 was operative, expired on June 30th of this year. The amount of bounty earned under its provisions was \$712,000, leaving of the amount originally provided for which was \$2,500,000, an unexpended balance of \$1,788,000.

For two-fifths of the five-year period the price of lead has been above \$16 in London, and payments had been liquidated.

In the fall of 1907 the price of lead fell rapidly, and bounty payments became effective in December. On June 4th lead was \$12 1/2 and the full bounty was payable. On June 30th it was reached. This was low water. A rise

immediately followed, and the price since has varied from \$13 to \$14.

In response to urgent requests from this district, backed up as they were by the representations of many influential papers, boards of trade, etc., throughout Canada, parliament saw fit to

Extend the Payment of Bounties until June 30th, 1912. The new act differs from the old in that the full rate of bounty (75 cents per 100 pounds of lead), is paid until the price of pig lead in London has reached \$14.10 per ton of 2240 pounds, instead of \$12.10 as before, when the rate of bounty is diminished by the amount of such excess. The old act was intended to guarantee the producer of lead a steady price of \$16, equal to about \$2.50 per 100 pounds of lead. The new act practically raises the price \$2 per ton, equal to about 40 cents per 100 pounds. The new act does not otherwise differ from the old. The full rate has been continuously payable since July 1st of this year, and the earnings have been about \$30,000 per month.

Some slight changes have been made in the regulations. Changes in ownership and management of mines must be made to the minister of trade and commerce. Lessees claiming bounty must show consent of owners. The rate of bounty shall be computed according to the London quotation upon the day the lead is taken into stock at the smelter, such day not to be later than the last day of the calendar month during which the ore was unloaded from cars at the smelter grounds.

For the purposes of the act, the lead contents shall be determined by fire assay, as used in ordinary commercial assaying.

The smelter of the Sullivan Group Mining Company at Marysville closed down at the end of February, and has not since been in operation. This plant, while in operation was supplied entirely from the mine, belonging to the company at Kimberly. The ore bodies are still enormous, and it is fully expected that an enterprise so promising and which under adverse conditions was to a large extent successful, will at an early date be taken up and vigorously prosecuted.

The communities at Marysville and Kimberly are put into difficulties by the suspension of work at this mine and smelter, and it is much to be hoped that resumption will come about before the people are forced to leave their homes. The North Star mine, which is close beside the Sullivan at Kimberly, was under the management of N. McL. Curran had a prosperous year and has been one of the large shippers.

The St. Eugene mine at Mayle, now the property of the Consolidated M. & S. Co. of Canada, has somewhat more than maintained its

Enviably Reputation throughout the year. Since the settlement reached with its employees at about the first of the year, work has proceeded very steadily. The manager is P. Stewart, M. E., of Rossland, the resident superintendent S. C. Blaylock, and the accountant O. A. Kamm. The force at the mine and the mill consists of about 450 men. Development work has been pushed, and with gratifying

results, the ore reserve having been greatly strengthened. The mill is the largest, and best equipped plant of the kind in Canada. It has been extended and improved during the year. The whole of the output this year has gone to the Trail smelter. There has been no export of ore. As a producer of silver-lead ore this mine stands alone, its tonnage far exceeding that of all our other mines put together.

The historic Blue Bell on Kootenay lake has entered upon another phase of existence. Its present owners, the Canadian Metal Company, have invested the necessary capital to develop and equip it for the last extreme of economic production. At a cost of some \$80,000 water power has been installed sufficient for all milling and lighting purposes. The concentrating mill embodies the latest ideas of ore separation. A magnetic separator for the recovery of zinc has lately been completed. These works stand close to the wharf over which shipments to a barge are made. The whole plant is so nearly automatic that it seems deserted. The portal of the tunnel is almost at the door of the mill. The ore bodies are found at a couple of hundred feet inward. Thence after a pleasant ramble of a quarter of an hour, through huge galleries with floors and walls and ceilings of shining galena, and after a few easy ascents by ladder, a tourist can come out at the back of the knoll and be shown the primitive furnace of the Hudson's Bay Company, and the ore showings in contention for which Hamill and Sproule, twenty years ago lost their lives. The manager, under whose supervision all the

Modern Developments has been carried out, is R. S. Fowler, who with his family occupies a handsome bungalow on the bluff overlooking the lake. The foreman is Chas. F. Sherwin, the assayer is R. H. Lee, the business man, Duncan McFarland. The Blue Bell is the "show mine" of the country, the place where a great mine can be seen with the minimum of exertion. Not only gentlemen, but lady tourists as well, frequently walk through it.

In the Ainsworth camp, the Spokane, Maestros, No. 1, Black Diamond, New Jerusalem and Gallagher have been shippers, none on a large scale. A considerable amount of development has been put upon the Gallagher by its owner, A. D. Wheeler. Its present showing is very satisfactory. At the Krao a long tunnel is contemplated but no work has been done in 1908. The properties of the King Solomon Mines Co., at Woodberry have passed into the hands of D. M. Nelson. At about 14 miles up the creek Mr. Nelles has a group of claims upon which some good showings occur. Some development has been put upon these this summer.

C. F. Caldwell has a small force at work upon the Pontiac, and will ship ore during the show season. The government trail, which has been graded for about ten miles up the creek, should be pushed ahead another four or five miles. On the South Fork of Kaslo creek a considerable amount of work has been done. The Montezuma, the property of H. Geigerich, made some good ship-

ments and was in shape for a large output, but was unfortunately put out of business for the present by the destruction in October of its fine concentrating mill. Mr. Geigerich was protected to a large extent by insurance, but the accident involves the present suspension of work.

The Cork, now the property of the Selkirk Mining Company, has under the management of A. Fournier of Kaslo, carried on vigorous development and has been a shipper. The Province, the property of H. Geigerich and others, has been leased to Messrs. Whittier and Pratt. The ore body is an extension of that found in the Cork, and is being worked through the Cork tunnel. The showing is promising, and some of the ore has reached the smelter.

Some work has been put upon the Flint and the Silver Bell, with good results.

The works of the Kootenay Ore Co. at Kaslo, have treated about 1,000 tons of zinc ore, but has not otherwise been busy. This plant has an up-to-date Magnetic Separating Plant,

supplied with electricity from the power plant on Kaslo river.

The Whitewater and Whitewater Deep mines, now under lease to Messrs. Retallick, Fowler and Koch, and under the management of John L. Retallick, have been amongst the heavy shippers. These properties are reported to be in fine condition, and it is understood that development work on a large scale is contemplated and provided for.

A small shipment has been made from the Wellington.

The Silver Glimmer at Bear lake, the property of J. W. Power, has had some work in the way of search of new ore bodies, and has produced some of its characteristically high grade ore. The Rambler-Cariboo at Macquigan, has employed about 40 men. Existing levels have been extended 1,500 to 2,000 feet. Upgrades to the extent of 500 feet have been made. Outside the mine all buildings have been moved from the head of the old shaft, to the portal of the tunnel, through which the mine is now worked. Ore bodies have been followed downward to the 1,000-foot level. A large amount of high grade ore is now in sight. Operating expenses have been provided from returns of ore shipped, but it has not been the policy of the company to deplete the reserves, while silver remains at its present low price, nor indeed to push production in any case until development has reached a point at which the minimum of economy can be attained.

In the Sandon camp the principal shipper has been the Richmond-Eureka, the property of the Con. M. & S. Co. of Canada. The mine is on the east side of Sandon creek, and reaches the C. P. R. grounds at Sandon by a bucket tram. About a dozen car loads per month of high grade material is shipped from Sandon. A. W. Davis is superintendent. The ore body extends into adjacent property of the Slocan Star mine, and Oscar V. White is

Getting Good Results from work on his side of the line. The Slocan Star has not otherwise been active.

The Star vs. White case has been carried to the supreme court of Canada where a hearing of an appeal from the British Columbia court was had in October. Judgment has not yet been rendered. The assets of the Last Chance Mining Co., of which Louis Pratt is manager. Active development and some shipment of ore is in progress.

A remarkable ore body was located by Mr. Zattoni, lessee upon the Reco property. The occurrence is upon an offshoot of the main vein at a point where the main vein had been worked out.

Mr. Zattoni is the lucky man of the Sandon camp for this season, and is presumed will be some hundreds of thousands of dollars ahead by the time his strike is worked out.

The Ruth, under the management of George Alexander, has been a steady shipper, and has had also active development throughout the year. The Lone Bachelor, Silver Hustler, Elkhorn, Sovereign, Summit, Queen-Dominion, Rio and a few others have been shippers upon a small scale.

At Silverton the Standard under the management of G. H. Aylard, and the Vancouver, the property of the Le Roi No. 2 Company of Rossland, have been heavy shippers. The Hewitt, Canadian Group, Alpha, Fisher Maiden, and Wakefield, have also been producers. The Molly Hughes, near New Denver, is said to have a very promising showing. A force of 35 men is at work on the Westmont on Ten-Mile creek. Some good ore has been shipped. H. R. Jorand of Slocan City, represents the owners.

In the Trout Lake camps the year has been quite except as regards the Silver Cup, where a force of 40 men have been kept at work under the superintendence of F. C. Merry. The Silver Cup has been a steady shipper.

The LaPlata mines on Kokanee creek, operated during the early months and have since been shut down. Bruce White is now engaged in negotiating looking to resumption of work upon this very promising property.

On the line of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, the Emerald, under the management of John Waldbecker, of Salmo, is a

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of good grade. The Arlington, managed by Leslie Hill, although primarily a gold mine, carries a small percentage of lead, and is a steady shipper. In Northwest Kootenay the Monarch, at Field, and the Giant at Golden, have had considerable development and have been shippers of good ore. The owners of the Aurora property on the south side of Moyie lake, are developing a strong showing, presenting remarkable resemblance to its Atlantic neighbor across the lake. A company under the management of Chas. D. Mackay, of Nelson, have made a large expenditure in an attempt to catch the St. Eugene ledge in the bottom of the lake.

The smelter at Trail, now the only lead smelter in operation in Canada, has had a large expenditure during the year. The Huntington-Haberlein process has been installed for the treatment of the whole of the silver-lead

ores, the lead furnaces have been rebuilt, and the refinery doubled in capacity. The explanation of the diminished output of the year is to be found in the phenomenal fall in the price of lead from \$21 5/8 to \$12 5/8 and in the price of silver from 68 to 48 cents per ounce. There are but few lines of business that can stand a shrinkage of 40 per cent in the gross value of output. It is probable that we must wait for an advance in the price of at least the silver contents of our ore before we shall see a substantial increase in the volume of mining.

Consul Norton, of Chemnitz, Germany, says that public recognition of Esperanto is steadily advancing in Germany.

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**MOTHER AND SON SUFFOCATED.**

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Harvey Spencer, aged 6 years, a prominent resident of the village of Hamburg, near here, and her son, R. F. Spencer, aged 30 years, assistant cashier of the Bank of Hamburg, met death from suffocation early today in a fire which broke out in their house. The bodies were carried out of the burning building by firemen.

**NEW YEAR RECEPTION.**

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Earl Grey held his New Year's reception yesterday at which most of the prominent citizens attended. The ministers who were there were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. W. Patterson, F. Oliver and Charles Murphy. R. L. Borden also officed upon his Excellency. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, R. L. Borden, Sir Frederick Borden and the members and officers of the headquarters staff visited the quarters of the different corps during the afternoon.

**CANADIAN FIRE INSURANCE.**

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 2.—An important change affecting the fire insurance business in Western Canada became effective with the advent of the new year. Under this the Board of Underwriters of Manitoba and the Northwest has passed out of existence, and is replaced by a western committee of the Canadian Fire Insurance Underwriters' Association whose headquarters are in Toronto, and with which the western body has affiliated. The change has been deemed necessary in the best interests of the insurance business of Western Canada.

**DAUPHIN LAWYER'S SUICIDE.**

Dauphin, Man., Jan. 2.—A. W. Sutherland, 31 years of age, and a member of the law firm of Hardy & Sutherland here, was found dead in his room shortly after noon on Thursday with a bullet wound through the roof of the mouth. The bullet had entered the brain, causing death instantly. The revolver was found beside the dead man, and from all appearances the case was one of deliberate suicide. The deceased was a married man, and came here from Winnipeg about seven months ago. The motive for the deed is unknown.

## ROBS COURT POLICE OF THEIR BELONGINGS

### Building of Justice in Centre Street, New York, is Looted.

New York, Jan. 2.—Burglars on New Year's Eve broke into the criminal court building in Centre street, and completely looted the police station situated there. When the court squad of about 30 policemen reported for duty yesterday they were astonished to find their lockers ransacked, their revolvers and all other personal effects of value stolen and the entire place in the wildest confusion.

With the arrest last night of William Delaney, a former patrolman, the police believe they have not only captured the man who last night broke into and looted the police station, but have also captured the man who was under lock and key "The Scarface Man" they have been seeking for nearly a month on the charge of impersonating an officer and making unauthorized arrests. Headquarters detectives assert that Delaney has served terms in Elmira and Sing Sing for impersonating an officer and for larceny.

## CORSICAN ATTEMPTS TO KILL M. CLEMENCEAU

### Bullets Crash Through Window Round Head of French Premier.

Paris, Jan. 2.—An attempt to shoot Premier Clemenceau was made on Thursday by a Corsican named Benedetti, who fired at him while he was seated at a window of his house.

None of the shots struck the premier. M. Clemenceau, however, had a narrow escape. He was seated beside the window, through which crashed two bullets from Benedetti's pistol. At the sound of the firing M. Clemenceau arose and opened the window. In the street an excited individual brandishing a revolver and crying "Down with the tyrant; long live the republic!"

Just at this time the premier's footman, revolver in hand, rushed from the building and started towards Benedetti.

"Don't fire," shouted M. Clemenceau to the footman.

"Don't fire," yelled the Corsican; "I have thrown away my gun."

Benedetti then, submitted to arrest. He claimed he was a member of the interior, had refused him permission to launch a lottery scheme. In all the man fired five shots at M. Clemenceau's window.

Like the assassins of President Fallieres and Major Dreyfus, Benedetti characterized his act as merely a "gesture" designed to procure justice for himself.

**WANT PRESTON PARDONED.**

Labor Party Appeals to U. S. Secretary of State for Release of Socialist.

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 2.—Application for pardon was filed with the secretary of state on Thursday by those representing M. R. Preston, Goldfield labor leader, who is serving a twenty-five-year sentence in the state penitentiary for the killing of John Silva, a Goldfield restaurant keeper, in 1907.

An appeal for a rehearing of the case was denied by the state supreme court some time ago. Since that time many of the Goldfield labor leaders have been in this city preparing to file the application for pardon, which will be considered at the January meeting of the board of pardons.

Preston was chosen as the presidential candidate of the Socialist Labor party during the last campaign, but owing to his imprisonment was represented by a proxy during the campaign.

**SEATTLE'S CRIME.**

Twenty-Four Murders and Seventy-Seven Suicides During Past Year.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 2.—During the twelve months of 1908, 24 murders and 77 suicides are on record in the office of Coroner P. M. Carroll. The report brought up to date shows 3 suicides, 11 violent deaths and 21 deaths from other causes where a physician was not in attendance, but no murder. Of the 77 persons who killed themselves during 1908, 27 chose carbolic acid as the poison. The others used revolvers, various forms of poison, hanging, gas and severing an artery. Of the deaths caused by external violence, nine were caused in street car accidents in Seattle. Of the other causes 23 met death as a result of railway accidents or being struck by steam railway or interurban trains.

**SAVAGE DOGS KILL BOY.**

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 2.—A special to the Gazette from Johnston says: William Reski, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reski, of Hillside Park, a hamlet near this city, was attacked on Thursday by seven vicious dogs, and received injuries which caused death. The boy had been sent to a store by his mother about 11 o'clock, and his lifeless body was discovered about half an hour later, covered with blood and being torn to pieces by the beasts. One arm and one leg had been almost severed from the body, and his face was so terribly mutilated that identification was difficult. The chief of police of this city killed all the dogs of the place save two.

**U. S. WARSHIPS NEARING SUEZ.**

Suez, Jan. 2.—The U. S. Atlantic battleship fleet, homeward bound, on the night of Dec. 31st was 519 miles from Suez. The fleet is due here tomorrow morning. While passing through the Suez Canal, the battleship Illinois, fell overboard and was downed before the boats, which were at once lowered, could reach him.

**FORGERY SENSATION.**

Quebec, Jan. 2.—A big sensation was caused here by the arrest, on the charge of forgery, of George Atkinson, a well known commission merchant of Lewis. The charge is brought by Mr. Davis, of Lewis, whose name was, he claims, forged to a cheque and drafts to the extent of some \$10,000.

## BANK CLEARINGS SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR

### Figures for the Past Twelve Months Are Slightly Higher Than 1907.

The record of the Victoria clearing house for the past twelve months is, strangely enough, almost the same as last year. In 1907 the total clearings amounted to \$5,529,712. This year there has been a slight increase, the total being \$5,556,012.

For the month of December the clearings were \$4,839,021. This is a decided improvement over all previous years for the same month. The preceding years were as follows: 1907, \$4,361,242; 1906, \$4,322,240; 1905, \$3,183,324; 1904, \$2,625,083; 1903, \$2,820,114.

**RAILWAY VICTIMS.**

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 2.—A fast mail train on the New York Central bore down on a gang of rascals at work on the Broadway subway yesterday, killing two of them and injuring a third. The dead are: John Baker and John Conrad, both of Pittsburgh. Louis White had four ribs broken and his spine injured.

**MARVIN HART AND JOHNSON.**

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 2.—An invitation to visit Australia to box Jack Johnson, was received yesterday by Marvin Hart, by telegraph. It is said that Hart is offered \$10,000 as his end of the purse. Hart has not accepted, but to friends he said that he would more than likely go. Hart has once defeated Johnson.

**DOCTOR'S SUDDEN DEATH.**

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 2.—A special from Hornell, N. Y., says Dr. Bastedo, 70 years of age, dropped dead of heart disease last evening at the home of Wm. Krug, where he had been hastily summoned to minister to Krug, who had broken through the ice on the Canisteo river while skating.

**TWENTY YEARS FOR MURDER.**

Little Valley, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Mike Stampone was found guilty of murder in the second degree on Thursday and sentenced to not less than twenty years in the state prison at Auburn. Stampone stabbed a friend to death at Salamanca on May 25th.

**DIES IN CHURCH.**

New York, Jan. 2.—Thomas Perkins, a member of the New York cotton exchange, died suddenly yesterday in his pew in the First Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, just after making an address at the New Year's service. Mr. Perkins was 69 years old. He had a large acquaintance in Wall street.

**ATTEMPTED TO BRIBE JUROR.**

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 2.—E. A. B. Blake, the contractor convicted of attempting to bribe J. M. Kelly, a prospective juror in the Ruet bribery trial, to Thursday by Judge assume to four years imprisonment in the penitentiary at San Quentin.

**BAD WEATHER ON PRAIRIES.**

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 2.—The big storm has blown itself out, but left low temperatures, ranging from 25 below at Regina to 20 below here, and 10 below at the head of the lakes. Trains are running on fairly good time, though some engines have gone dead from the extreme cold. Blizzard conditions apparently prevail just south of the international boundary, for Northern Pacific trains are running several hours late, and report heavy drifts. Prospects are for a very cold new year.

**PERSONAL.**

Dr. George A. B. Hall, M. P. P. for Nelson, has now taken up his residence in Victoria. Dr. Hall went to Nelson some twelve years ago and entered into the practice of his profession there. He has now returned to Victoria to reside permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, of Hill street, entertained a very merry and happy party of friends at a dance on New Year's Eve.

W. Sloan, M. P., is in the city today.

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## OPEN HOUSE AT THE Y. M. C. A. YESTERDAY

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The Y. M. C. A. held a "New Year open house" yesterday afternoon at the headquarters, Broad street, when R. B. McKicking and Mrs. Frank Andrews received the largest number of guests who have ever visited the rooms on the first day of the year. Refreshments were served between 3 and 6 p. m., and an athletic programme which was very successful was given during the afternoon. Adair Carrs, Brook Vailo and T. Baker, with Walter and Wm. Sproule, three of the boys being dressed as clowns, did some very clever and amusing tumbling. Oswald Margison led a class of young men in horse vaulting. C. Blundell had charge of the horizontal bar work, being assisted by E. Crompton, R. M. Jones, L. Beckwith, F. Elliott and Cyril Baker. Heater and Margison gave a wrestling exhibition, which was declared a draw by referee Watkins and Cohen and Margison gave an exhibition of a scientific character, winning one fall each.

The members of the reception committee drew the attention of all present to the necessity of the Y. M. C. A. having larger, better, and more commodious quarters at their disposal.

Captain McIntosh presided at the evening meeting as chairman of the literary committee. The attendance taxed the building to its capacity.

Mayor Hall congratulated the association on the work of the past year, saying its present membership of 500 established its right to larger and more modern quarters. He felt the new building would come before the end of the year which had just commenced.

The Mayor then presented the prizes won in the morning road race to the winners, Frank Baylis, Louis Beckwith and George Dickson. He explained the cup had to be won twice in succession before it became Baylis' personal property.

Songs were contributed by Miss Nylands, Miss Cocker and H. Shandley. Mrs. Gleason gave two recitations and a piano solo was given by Mrs. Brice and A. R. Dobson. Mrs. F. Andrews responded to the vote of thanks to the ladies, after which the rooms of the association were thrown open to general inspection of the visitors. Among those present were:

C. Green, J. I. Murray, A. H. Mitchell, Mrs. T. Cocker and daughter, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. J. Archibald, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Pottinger and daughter, E. M. Whyte, Albert, W. A. Webb, New Westminster, Miss Hanna, Miss Bekerton, Miss Brice, Dr. Cleveland, E. M. Carter, B. Gordon, J. Finlayson, Arthur Lee, Miss Miller, S. M. Lee, J. G. and Mrs. Turnbull, M. Hendry, D. McIntosh and Misses Helen, Ida and Ethel McIntosh, Misses Jones, Spencer (2), Geo. Collinge, Duncan, Annie Dunlop, Balford Parker, Willis, Bailey, Ruckie, Margison and Tingley, Miss Ruth Lawson and Miss M. Jean Lawson, Vancouver; J. S. Stokes, Lincoln, England; R. W. Roper, C. E. Cohen, J. L. Martin, Isle of Man; C. Blunden, P. B. Miller and R. C. Lamb, Yorkton, Sask.; H. G. Brown, H. C. Osborn, E. Middleton, A. S. Walker, T. Selwyn, W. Oliphant, Jr., A. Lemm, R. E. Hull, A. Dodds, C. R. Walker, E. J. Rogers, V. Sutherland, H. W. and F. Pritchard, A. Hendry, A. Taitson, Seattle; R. Keown, G. Hodland, Capt. W. Heater, R. G. and Mrs. Waddell, Regina, Sask.; A. J. Bennett, F. R. Quiller, E. O. Larsen, W. Munro, A. Boorman, V. Henderson, J. Cronin, Seattle Y. M. C. A.; Mrs. H. V. Jones, W. and Mrs. Wellington, J. B. and Mrs. A. M. Clearhue, B. W. Sheldon, W. G. Duncan, E. M. Rogers, T. F. R. and Mrs. Oliver, C. F. Betterton, B. Elliott, E. R. and Mrs. R. Margison, J. Crewson, Portage La Prairie; W. Jewell, H. Tip-ton, W. Courtney, G. and C. Leary, E. Saunders, A. Norman, Mrs. Jenkins, T. R. Cusack, R. L. Drury, Mrs. J. H. Yeo, W. Scowcroft, A. McAuley, T. West, S. Scott, J. G. and B. A. McDonald, D. E. Cleveland, G. M. Carter, B. Gordon, J. E. Finlayson, W. T. Ralph, J. O. and Mrs. Turnbull and others.



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2nd	548	11th	1641	20th	3556
3rd	103	12th	3942	21st	4262
4th	2925	13th	2337	22nd	1856
5th	3166	14th	130	23rd	4187
6th	300	15th	2458	24th	4273
7th	5355	16th	5198	25th	3287
8th	124	17th	543	26th	3084
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### THE FOUNDING OF THE YUKON

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#### THE FOUNDING OF THE YUKON.

I am the land that listens, I am the land that broods.  
Steeped in eternal beauty, crystalline waters and woods,  
Long have I waited lonely, shunned as a thing accurst,  
Monstrous, moody, pathetic, the last of the lands and the first;  
Visioning camp fires at twilight, sad with a longing forlorn;  
Feeling my womb o'er-pregnant with the seed of cities unborn.  
Wild and wide are my borders, stern as death is my sway,  
And I wait for the men who will win me—and I will not be won in a day.  
And I will not be won by weaklings, subtle, suave, and mild,  
But by men with hearts of vikings and the simple faith of a child;  
Desperate, strong and restless, unthrottled by fear or defeat,  
Them will I gild with my treasure, them will I glut with my meat.

This is the Yukon, that only the strong shall thrive,  
That surely the weak shall perish, and only the fit survive.  
Dissolute, damned, and despairful, crippled, and pained, and slain,  
This is the Will of the Yukon—Lo! how she makes it plain!  
—“Songs of a Sourdough,” by Robt. W. Service.

The Yukon is not British Columbia, but it is geographically a part of it, as it is logically a part of it, as it is logically a sequel of this province. Geographically, it is also a part of Alaska, and, logically, also, our American friends would reason, should belong to that strip of the northwest coast. More logically, however, Alaska should have been in every sense of the word part of the Yukon. It was ours to have purchased, even at a lesser sum than the United States paid for it; it was the logical rounding-out of that immense territory we call the Northwest of Canada, and it was supreme folly to have allowed a foreign nation to have intervened between us and the north Pacific ocean. Although a very large portion of Alaska is mountain and muskeg and eternal snows within the Arctic circle, yet in all it is twice as large as the whole of British Columbia, and is very rich in gold and coal and fish and furs. In many ways it would have been a great national asset, and as such would have obviated the expense and international friction incident to Behring Sea and Alaska boundary questions, which came to us as legacies of the treaty with Russia in 1825, and the subsequent purchase of Alaska by the Americans.

Of this Yukon, of the great northern country, of which Service sings, I propose to write historically this issue. The Alaska-Yukon Exposition has aroused new interest in this wonderful land, which has produced so much gold, so much of romance and tragedy, and an Arctic Brotherhood.  
The result of this exposition will no doubt be to direct additional attention to the Yukon, the interest in which has practically subsided since the boom was spent. It will never figure again in popular imagination and in public print as it once did, in the same way as Cariboo will never probably reach that dizzy eminence, it had in the early studies; but the future of neither has in any material degree been exhausted. I have been told by an old and very reliable, I might say, unbiased official of the Yukon, that when the new order of things is established, when production by machinery in a large and comprehensive way is inaugurated the country will yield many times more than has yet come out of it. Then there are always the glittering possibilities of new finds, of the development of coal and iron mines, in a country so wide and so comparatively little explored as it is. A metalliferous country is always on the verge of discoveries. The same is true of Cariboo, much more true, let us hope, but of both districts it must be said they have lost something which will never return the something which has become historical.

Glamor of First Excitements,  
the atmosphere of rush and revelry, the spell of finding gold, the alluring and often fatal call of the wild, the abandonment of unorganized, though civilized, society—the good old days, for which the pioneer and the prospector pine, and the poet and novelist rave and write. In the “Songs of a Sourdough” the poet Service has caught the spirit of the time, and though probably less original in style, than in Kipling, than Dr. Drummond, in his immortal ballad stories, I am not sure that he will not yet rank with the latter as a true interpreter of local atmosphere. He gets very close to nature, as all good poets do, and has more strength and vigor, though less of kindly, heart interest, than Drummond.

British Columbia is fortunate in the possession of another poet of the north, who though he does not appeal to the multitude in the same way, is more brilliant in “spots” than either, and may last as long. Tom McInnes, a native son of British Columbia, now of Ottawa, has just published a new volume of poems, entitled “A Romance of the Lost.” I could not recommend it as wholesome for family use as Drummond’s, while it has depths to which the latter would not descend. It has also heights to which he could not ascend. I quote two selections as appropriate to the subject in hand. This is from “Lonesome Bar”:

Out of the North rang a cry of Gold!  
And all the spacious regions of the West,  
From rugged Cariboo to where the crest  
Of Mexican Sierras mark the regal sound,  
And echoed and re-echoed it, till round  
The eager world the rumor of it rolled:  
How Eldorado once again was found!  
Where stretch Canadian plains, forlorn  
And wide,  
Hard upon the iron-temper’d Arctic solitude.

Then wrote the vanguard of adventurers,

Who fret their souls against the tram-  
mel’d ways.

And measured hours of these exacting days:

They heard the call—the pirate call—that stirs

To reach for easy gold in regions new:

That once from lazy Latin cities drew

Pisarro and his pious plunderers,

And, later, many a buccaneering crew,

Who sail their curvy ships across the foam

And loot the Spanish galleons upon the run for home.

So raze the annals of the knave Ro-  
mance—

The breed will not die out! The fatal stars

That sway the line of loose irregulars

Forevermore ‘gainst hazard circumstance.

Illumin’d thro’ these triple golden years

A trail of splendid hopes and ghastly fears.

Where only now Aurora gleams askance

On the twinkling frosted bones of pio-  
neers:

But ‘tis not for savage lands alight with  
spot.

For ventures grim and treasure-grove on  
a stark, unheard-of soil!

This from “The Chilkoot Pass”:

Far up the Chilkoot Heights! The solid snow,

Avalanch’d from Titan peaks that rise  
In stony isolation ‘gainst the skies,

Hath whelm’d all in soundless over-  
throw.

And almost now the white and crust’d  
mass

Hath choked the glacier’s ghastly blue  
crevasse

That cleaves to everlasting cold below:  
The wintry day declines, and down the  
pass.

Where Time hath fallen, desolate, asleep,  
To mark the flight of Arctic hours gigan-  
tic shadows creep.

But see! Upon that perilous meagre trail,  
There winding upward to a dazzling crest,  
A ming’l inward-bound on Fortune’s  
quest.

And tho’ the sunlight’s slanting, weak  
and pale,

Tho’ in the livid clouds a tempest hovers,  
And far above him yet the summit  
towers.

He sees therein no sight to make him  
quail:

‘Gainst any steep he’d pit his stubborn  
powers:

He goes, as dauntless men have gone of  
old,

To play with Death in a land unknown  
for a stake of love and gold.

These poems of Service and McInnes  
express in a few words the motives,  
character, and history, of the rush  
which made Yukon famous, as Cassiar,  
Cariboo, California and Australia had  
been made famous before, an old, sad  
story oft repeated. But it is not of the  
modern Yukon I wish to write, but of a  
period which antedates many of the  
stories of bygone days in British Columbia.  
Some time ago I came across the  
journal of the founding of Fort  
Yukon, as it was then spelled, by the  
founder, Mr. A. H. Murray, whose son,  
still in the employ of the Hudson’s  
Bay Company, is in charge at Fraser  
lake. It is written in the simple narrative  
style, employed by all the company  
officials, but it is unique in respect of  
the fact that it is beautifully illustrated  
by the author in a series of pen and  
ink sketches. Mr. Murray was an  
artist of no mean order, and many of  
these sketches, made as he complains  
with an old steel pen, almost worn  
away with constant use, adorn the  
pages of Sir John Richardson’s vol-  
umes. I have referred to this original  
account as a “journal.” It is really in  
the nature of an annual report to the  
chief trader at Fort Simpson (on the  
east side of the Rockies). Its perusal  
opens up a wide field of reminiscences  
never put into print in any compre-  
hensive form. The particular report to  
which I refer has never seen the light  
of printed form.

“Sourdough” in the poem from which  
the excerpt at the top of this column  
is taken, speaks of the men who were  
to win the Yukon as men “with hearts  
of vikings and the simple faith of the  
child.” The race of men who preceded  
the prospector and gold-seeking ad-  
venturer in that north country,  
answered fully to the description and  
requirements. No stronger, no more  
fearless, no more enduring, no more  
single-minded men ever entered the  
precincts of the Yukon than were the  
early fur trading pioneers. We have  
heard a great deal of the feats of the  
men who went in 1827 and 1828, and  
prior to that date, struggling up  
through and over the White and Dyea  
passes, of trips made on snowshoes and  
dogsleds in the depth of winter, of men  
sleeping in their blankets on snow with  
the temperature 40 and 50 below zero,  
of long and arduous trips down the  
Yukon in whip-sawn boats, and of  
their trials and hardships when they  
reached their destination. Many of  
them were certainly heroic, and many  
of the tragedies evolved out of  
the efforts of that frantic mob of ten  
years ago to get to Klondike by vari-  
ous routes and means; but these men  
after all were inspired by the lust for  
gold, and if not exactly on a beaten  
track were not far from one. They  
were always within sound of civiliza-  
tion. Men like Campbell, McLeod, Bell  
and Murray and others of that ilk over  
fifty years ago went in practically  
alone, blazed new trails in the wilder-  
ness, encountered Indian tribes that  
had never seen the face of white men,  
and when once launched on their  
perilous journeys had bidden farewell  
to the world so far as hopes of seeing  
civilized faces again until their return  
after many months or years. They  
were inspired by but one motive—duty,  
as obeying instructions of a power  
which understood not the meaning of  
“cannot,” much less “will not.” The  
servants of the Hudson’s Bay Company  
when ordered to go, went, and, to  
come, came. It mattered not whether  
the distance was 100 miles or 1,000,  
or what was the nature of the obstacles  
intervening. These men were not  
slaves, as might be inferred from this  
description of them, but were part of  
that great machine which had explor-  
ed half a continent, and their duty as  
marked out by their superiors, who  
themselves had their lessons in the  
same heroic school, was their pleasure.

They prided themselves in performing  
well a task, however hard. In their  
journals and letters they did not ex-  
aggerate the nature of their exploits  
or attempt to color them by the use of  
adjectives or graphic language, such as  
one would ordinarily use in writing to  
a friend. They simply indicated them  
in the plainest matter-of-fact way, as  
though it was a matter of daily routine,  
as indeed it was. The reason such men  
as these were able to undertake jour-  
neys which would appal us nowadays  
was that they were used to the life,  
and by training and experience met  
every emergency as it arose out of an  
unfailing resourcefulness, just as  
children in the traffic of a great city  
like London, escape the thousand and  
one dangers which lie in their pathway  
by the exercise of faculties sharpened  
by daily contact with such dangers.

For instance, Robert Campbell, the  
pioneer of pioneers of the Yukon, made  
a remarkable journey in the years  
1822-3, in which he in seven months  
covered a distance of nearly 10,000  
miles, nearly half of which was  
through an uninhabited wilderness,  
and of this distance says the historian  
three thousand miles were passed over  
in the dead of winter, and much of it  
walked on snowshoes. Dr. Dawson,  
whose name is much revered and his  
opinions highly respected in British  
Columbia, says that the utmost credit  
must be accorded to the pioneers of the  
Hudson Bay Company for the enter-  
prise displayed by them in carrying  
their trade into the Yukon basin in the  
face of difficulties so great and at such  
an immense distance from their base  
of supplies. “To explorations of this  
kind,” he says, “performed in the ser-  
vice of commerce, unostentatiously  
and as matters of simple duty by such  
men as Mackenzie, Fraser, Thompson  
and Campbell, we owe the discovery of  
our great northwest country.” Their  
journeys were not marked by incidents  
of conflict or bloodshed, but were ac-  
complished on the contrary with the  
friendly assistance and co-operation  
of the natives. Less resolute men, we  
are told, would scarcely have enter-  
tained the idea of utilizing, as an  
avenue of trade, a river so perilous  
of navigation as the Liard had proved to  
be when explored. Neither distance  
nor danger appear to have been taken  
into account, and in spite of every ob-  
stacle a way was opened up and a  
series of posts established extending  
from Fort Simpson, on the Mackenzie,  
to Fort Yukon. Fort Simpson, remarks  
Dawson, writing in 1889, may itself be  
regarded, even at the present day, as  
a post very far removed from the  
border of civilization, but this fur-  
ther route, which over half a century  
ago, became familiar to the company’s  
voyageurs, stretched out beyond it for  
over a thousand miles; parts of the  
route were extremely dangerous and  
full of hardships. Mr. Anderson writ-  
ing in 1853 of the Liard river, said:  
“You can hardly conceive the intense  
horror the men have to go up to  
Fraser lake. Then invariably on re-  
turning endeavor to be exempted from  
the West Branch. The number of  
deaths which have occurred there is  
fourteen, viz. three in connection with  
Dease lake and eleven in connection  
with Fraser lake and Pelly Banks, of  
these last three died from starvation  
and eight from drowning.”

The journal of the founding of Fort  
Yukon gives in detail some of these  
dangers, to which I shall refer later  
on. It also describes very fully, to  
what straits they were driven at times  
in dealing with the Indians, who even  
at that early date were shrewd enough  
to take advantage of the competition  
afforded by the presence of the Rus-  
sian traders, then at the mouth of the  
Yukon river, and striving for the su-  
premaccy in trade, and threatening to  
ascend the river and drive out the Brit-  
ish traders. Not the least remarkable  
thing about the trade was the time it  
took for “returns” to reach the market  
from the outlying posts. The schedule  
period was seven years, the course of  
trade being as follows:

“Goods—First year, reach York  
Factory; second year, Norway House;  
third year, Peel river, and were hauled  
during the winter across the mountains  
to La Pierre’s House; fourth year,  
reach Fort Yukon; fifth year, reach La  
Pierre’s House and are hauled across  
to Peel river; sixth year, reach Fort  
Simpson; seventh year, reach market.”  
One cannot help but admire the stub-  
born tenacity and waiting qualities of  
the Hudson’s Bay Company staff, re-  
flecting in the conduct of their posts  
the characteristics of the British, and  
especially the Scotch, race, to which  
they belonged. Before going into the  
pages of Murray’s report, which is the  
only concise report of the country at  
that period, extant, I propose to fur-  
nish a few particulars of the dates of  
and circumstances connected with the  
founding of several of the forts in the  
Yukon, with a number of illustrations,  
all of special interest. The history of  
this period also throws some light upon  
the genesis of the Alaska boundary,  
but little understood by the majority  
of readers, the fact to be brought out  
being this, that the treaty was a trade  
document as understood by the Rus-  
sians, and of no particular political or  
geographical importance. The Rus-  
sians only got a strip of land wide en-  
ough to cover the heads of inlets, and  
that was all they wanted. Territorial  
aggrandizement did not appeal to them  
in that particular transaction.  
(To be continued.)

#### ELIMINATIONS.

Your excretory organs must work  
like a clock or you are on dangerous  
ground. Constipation is the open door  
to a host of ills—in fact most of the  
ailments that flesh is heir to. No man  
need fear nature, but the person who  
defies nature may well quake. You  
cannot suffer with constipation long  
without permanently injuring your  
health.

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no griping. They do the work effec-  
tively and well.

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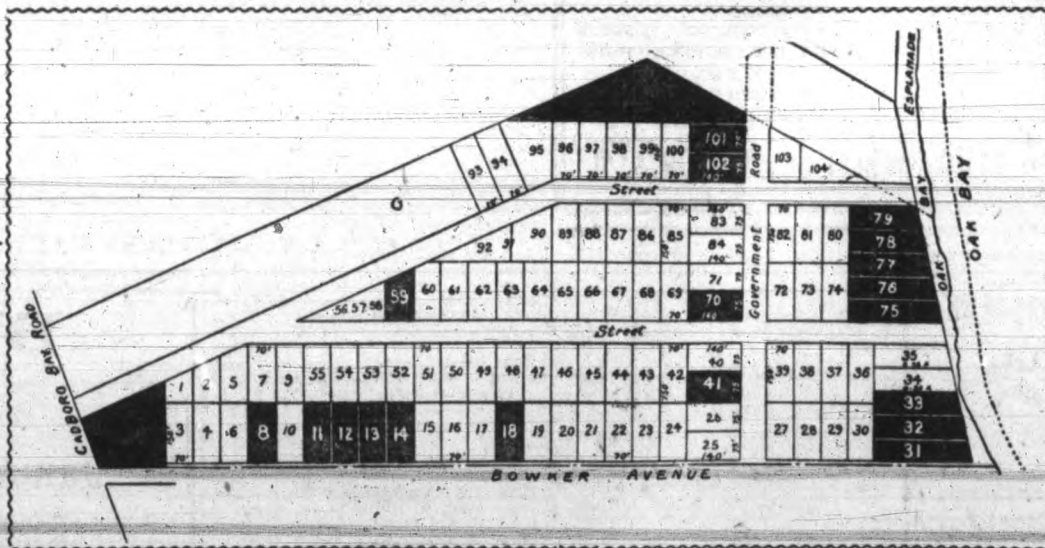
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## Among the Churches

### ANGLICAN.

**Christ Church Cathedral.**—Much interest is being taken in the choir singing to be given by the choir in the cathedral on Sunday evening. These old-time favorites are never heard to better advantage than when sung by the cathedral choir. The service will be of much interest throughout and it is expected that there will be a large congregation.

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so that the Congregational church will throw all its influence towards making the union meetings a real success. Business Meeting.—The annual business meeting of the congregation will be held on Thursday, January 14th. At the closing business meeting of the board of management held last Wednesday indications were that the reports to be presented at the annual meeting will be most gratifying to those who have had the work upon their hearts and minds during the year. It is expected that the reports will show the church to have had one of the most successful years in its history.

**Y. M. C. A.**—Men's Meeting.—To-morrow afternoon P. D. Hillis will deliver a New Year's message to the members of the Y. M. C. A. at the 4 o'clock men's meeting. Mr. Hillis is a business man who has many years' experience in Y. M. C. A. work, and will take for his topic "Stocktaking." This will also be Missionary Sunday, and the annual subscription for the foreign work of the Y. M. C. A. will be taken up. J. G. Brown will sing a solo. Mock Parliament.—The second session of the mock parliament will open on January 6th, with Speaker Higgins in the chair. The members have presented Mr. Higgins with a life membership in the association, and in return he has sent an author's copy of "The Mystic Spring" to the Y. M. C. A. library.

**Newsboys' Dinner.**—Great preparations are being made to ensure the success of the newsboys' dinner to be given next Thursday evening. Ald. R. Hall is the patron of the affair, and will preside at the gathering. The boys' department is superintending all arrangements, and have issued invitations to over fifty newsboys.

## JUBILEE CONFERENCE OF METHODIST CHURCH Programme Committee Will Meet at New Westminster Next Week.

Rev. A. E. Roberts, secretary of the conference, leaves on Monday for New Westminster, where a meeting of the programme committee for the next session of the annual conference of the Methodist church will be held. The conference will be held in May next in New Westminster, and will be of special interest, owing to the fact that it is the jubilee conference in British Columbia Methodism. Fifty years ago the first missionaries of the Methodist church came to British Columbia, and the first place of worship was opened in New Westminster, the first Pandora street church in this city being then in the course of erection. It is hoped to make this a noteworthy conference, and the programme committee will make every preparation to ensure the success of the gathering.

## SOCIETY OF FRIENDS ARRANGE MEETINGS

## Local Body Will Take Charge of Services in Harmony Hall.

The Society of Friends have taken charge of the services in Harmony hall. The local society was constituted last September by the Canadian yearly meeting which was held in this city. A delegation was sent out from Toronto, and the local body started on its way. The following are the officers: Trustees, R. W. Clark, W. B. Watson, D. E. Coventry; mission committee, G. H. Little, R. W. Clark and Herbert Dunn; correspondent, G. H. Little, box 265, city; clerk of local society, E. Coventry, box 174, city. Services on Sunday next will be held as follows: 9.45 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., meeting for worship; 7 p. m., mission meeting. The evening meeting will be addressed by Harry Parry, of Vancouver. Mr. Parry has located in Vancouver, and will open a hall for services under the direction of the Society of Friends in that city.

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## CITY CHURCHES

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### ANGLICAN.

**Christ Church Cathedral.** Burdette avenue. The services for the day are: Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning service and holy communion, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7 p. m. The music follows: Morning.

**Processional Hymn.**—Cathedral Psalter Te Deum ..... Macpherson Benedictus ..... Barnby Kyrie ..... Calkin Anthem—Worship Him ..... Simper Processional Hymn ..... 70 and 483 Evening.

**St. John's.** Douglas street, corner of St. James. Preachers: Morning, Rev. F. J. H. Sweet; afternoon, Rev. A. J. Stanley; evening, Rev. A. J. Stanley. The music follows: Morning.

**Organ Voluntary.** ..... Russell Venite and Psalms ..... Cathedral Psalter Te Deum ..... Woodward Benedictus ..... Troubridge Hymn ..... Burnett in A Flat Gloria Tibi ..... Burnett in A Flat Hymns ..... 165 and 233 Recessional Hymn ..... Dykes Organ—Communion ..... Hesse

**St. James.** Quebec street, corner of St. John. Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. Matins and sermon at 11, celebration of the holy communion at 12, children's service at 3, evening and sermon at 7. The music follows: Morning.

**Organ Voluntary.** ..... Cathedral Psalter Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis ..... Read Hymns ..... 72, 74 and 165 Vesper Hymn ..... Caffire Organ Voluntary ..... Felton

**St. Barnabas.** corner of Cook street and Caledonia avenue. There will be a celebration of the holy eucharist at 8 a. m., matins at 10.30 a. m., choral eucharist and sermon at 11 a. m., children's service at 2.30 p. m., choral eucharist at 7 p. m., when the carols will be sung. Copies of the words will be provided. The rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, will be the preacher for the day. All seats are free. The musical arrangements are as follows: Morning.

**Organ—Andante.** ..... Philip Tietz Communion Service ..... Simple in A Flat Hymns ..... 125, 126, 112 and 122 Offertory Anthem ..... Fitzgerald Nunc Dimittis ..... St. John Organ—A New Year's Postlude. A. Page Evening.

**Organ—Processional March.** ..... Viviani Carol with bell accompaniment—Wildly Swinging, Gaily Ringing. Psalms ..... Cathedral Psalter Magnificat ..... Barnby Nunc Dimittis ..... Rev. Wesley Carol—The Plains of Bethlehem. Carol—Sing, O Ye People. Sermon by the Rector. Carol—Many a Morn in Glory Drest. Offertory Carol—Sing, Happy Voices. Carol—The Star in the East. Vesper—I Will Lay Me Down in Peace. Organ—Day by Day We Magnify Thee. Handel

**Organ—Andante.** ..... Beethoven Venite and Psalms as Set ..... Cathedral Psalter Te Deum ..... Mercer Benedictus ..... Mercer Hymn—Awakening Soul ..... Mercer Kyrie—VI ..... Mercer Hymn—New Every Morning Is the Love ..... Mercer Hymn—The King of Love My Shepherd Is ..... Handel Evening.

**Organ—Largo.** ..... Handel Hymn—O Bless the Lord, My Soul ..... Psalms as Set ..... Cathedral Psalter Magnificat ..... Mercer Nunc Dimittis ..... Mercer Hymn—My Times Are in Thy Hand. Hymn—O God, the Rock of Ages ..... Hymn—Lead, Kindly Light ..... Organ—March ..... A. Redhead

**CONGREGATIONAL.**—First, corner of Pandora avenue and Blanchard street. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Rev. Hermon Carson, B. A., pastor, will preach. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at conclusion of morning service. Theme of the sermon will be "Safety Through;" evening subject, "A New Year's Purpose—Rebuilding." Bible school and Bible classes at 2.30 p. m. Good singing appropriate to the season. Strangers and visitors are cordially welcomed.

**METHODIST.**—Metropolitan, corner of Pandora and Quadra streets. Pastor, T. Ernest Hall. B. A. Services as follows: 10 a. m. class meetings; 11 a. m. Divine service; 2.30 p. m. Metropolitan Sabbath school; 4.30 p. m. Spring Ridge Sabbath school.

7.30 p. m., organ recital by Edward Passions:  
1. Suite Gothique ..... Beethoven  
a. Chorale  
b. Minuet Gothique.  
c. Priere.  
2. Tenor Melody ..... T. Driffeld  
3. Andante (1st Sonata) ..... Mendelssohn  
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## "The Statue"

By Eden Phillpotts and Arnold Bennett

### CHAPTER XXV.—(Continued.)

During the space of perhaps three pine-benches he was mystified. He saw a huge chamber, roughly spherical in shape, and gathered that he was in the head of the statue, just underneath the pointed crown of the great goddess of Energy, at more than twice the height of the highest elm-tops. He saw in the midst a large table, on which was some delicate and complex apparatus. He saw a paper slowly revolving on a cylinder under a pencil that descended and irregularly struck the paper. He saw in a corner a tremendous series of electrical accumulators. Yet the table and its contents were completely isolated. The apparatus ticked away, unconnected with anything whatever.

Then he understood. The solution of the enigma of the statue swept over him. And he wondered, he was amazed, that he had never before thought of an explanation so obvious. The statue was a wireless telegraph station! Hence its height. Hence the crown, with its metal points. Hence the inextinguishable leakage of electricity from the electric light plant; doubtless the main cable to the house had been tapped for the supply of the accumulators. Hence the bell and coil and box in his father's bedroom! Why had it occurred to no one that the statue was a wireless telegraph station in disguise?

The cylinder ceased to revolve, and there was a silence.

He approached the table.

Yes. There was the battery, the relay, the ticket, the tuning wings, and the surpassingly ingenious coherer. He remembered having seen illustrations of such things in an American magazine. Everything was fine, exquisite, fragile, and marvelously adjusted. His father might have been depending upon to have the most perfect installation that wealth and enthusiasm could achieve. His tremendous admiration for his father broke out anew in his mind. What an imagination, what an audacity in conception, what an incredible patience in execution, that man had! As a financier of European activities, he had seen the possibilities of wireless telegraphy in his business. And he had seen also how those possibilities would be multiplied if the thing could be maintained an absolute secret. How to erect a station with the altitude of several hundred feet necessary for long-distance work, without proclaiming at once to the whole earth the exact nature of your enterprise? To that question the idea of an heroic statue was the reply.

It was unique in its daring and superb simplicity. It was so brilliant that its brilliance brought tears to Maurice's eyes. With that miraculous machine at his command Carl Courlander could, and would, have puzzled the world. And just when it was completed, death had overtaken Carl at the foot of his statue! Maurice recalled Crampin's narration of the last fatal interview and his father's indestructible calm even in face of that supreme disappointment and deception. Carl Courlander had made only one mistake in his career, but that one mistake was capital. He had trusted Blaise Beakbane.

Maurice tore the paper off the cylinder, and tried to decipher the dotted message. The little red code-book was close at hand. He translated the message into letters, but the letters would not form themselves into recognizable words of any language that Maurice was even distantly acquainted with. A cipher, of course! And in the second part of the book he discovered the key to the cipher. In a few moments he had reduced it to sense, and the sense to which he reduced it constituted not the least of the excitements through which he had passed that day. The message which was in German read:

"Beakbane. Agreed. Will destroy your station at midnight—Strauss, Berlin."

The statue was therefore in communication with Berlin. It might indeed be in communication with half a dozen centres. And the curious thing was that though those centres might be aware to whom they were talking, they might be totally unaware of the situation and the physical peculiarities of this centre in Bedfordshire. The apparatus might be fulfilling all its functions, and yet preserve its secrecy! "Destroy your station." What could it mean?

It was certainly a reply to a request from Beakbane. As Maurice perused his eye caught a thin wire that went from the apparatus to a box on a corner of the table. And he remembered that gun-cotton could be exploded by wireless telegraphy. Was it imaginable that the miserable Beakbane had finished with the statue and meant to appease the goddess which he undoubtedly had against Maurice by arranging to blow the head off the statue? The trick was a feasible one, and Maurice felt that Beakbane was perfectly capable of sinking to the level of no matter what meanness.

His glance roamed over the table. And there, near the strange box, was the still stranger instrument which had figured so startlingly at Crampin's trial. It was a sympathy to the steel of Carfax struck Maurice at once. Of course it was the key to the secret entrance at the boat-house, fashioned so that no one could suspect it of being a key! He picked it up. It had been cleaned of its stains.

Then Maurice heard steps on the spiral stairway.

Beakbane! He had forgotten the corporal side of Beakbane in speculating upon Beakbane's misdeeds!

He rushed out. Beakbane, evidently made cautious by the light, was coming up; Maurice jumped down upon him in a passion to destroy. Beakbane sprang aside, Maurice stumbled and dropped the key. With a movement of surprising feline swiftness Beakbane snatched the key and fled. The man had, perhaps, seen his death in the eyes of Maurice. Maurice pulled himself together and followed at his best speed. His best speed was too good, for he fell again. It was this second fall that Crampin, whose ambush Maurice did not notice in his haste, had heard. Thereafter he descended more carefully, and Beakbane gradually increased his lead. What Maurice did realize was that the stairway was now lighted. Arrived at the bottom, he saw Beakbane in the far distance of the tunnel, and began to run hard. He gained on him perceptibly, but not sufficiently; and at the beginning of that half-mile of tunnel which lay under the ornamental water, Beakbane was a hundred yards ahead.

"If I don't catch him," Maurice muttered, breathing, "he will knock at the trap, and he may very probably kill Carfax. Well, I can't catch him, and at this distance I certainly can't hit him; but I can drown him."

He drew his revolver and fired point-blank at one of the glass squares of the roof. The first shot cracked it; the second made a hole; the third demolished it. Water poured down into the tunnel in a stream two feet square. Maurice stood his ground, and smashed two more squares. Then, with the water already up to his middle, he fled for safety up the inclined part of the tunnel. Beakbane was certainly gone to his account.

Maurice, all dripping, remounted to the statue, and met Crampin on the stairway.

"So you and Beakbane are in league after all!" said Maurice. "Well, you're too late. He's drowned."

"What?" cried Crampin, in terror. Maurice calmly explained.

"Come upstairs! Come upstairs!" said Crampin, and clutched at Maurice's arm. "Quick! And do something to get out of the other way! You've drowned Nora! I tell you Nora was in the tunnel!"

Somehow the two men reached the great chamber.

"No! It's too late!" the old man murmured, and the sight of his distress was terrible. "Too late!"

Not for the first time in his life he was using that phrase. He had employed it to Nora on the evening of his death sentence.

Maurice moved as it were in a tragic dream to the lift-well. And the lift was coming up. It stopped, and opened. And Nora emerged from it.

"I heard the water, and fell in," she explained. "And I screamed out, and someone opened the trap from the other side. Then I ran here."

Maurice had fainted.

He came to with the feel of her hand on his face.

Scarcely a word was spoken. But Nora and her father knew that Maurice had awakened, not only from a swoon, but out of the long nightmare of his revenge.

There was, for the moment at any rate, no scene of unrestrained affection. Curtis arrived, perhaps opportunistly, perhaps inopportunely; and unrestrained scenes of any kind could not occur in the presence of Curtis.

"Car destroyed, sir. In river," said he, coldly. He was still wearing his goggles, and through them he gazed at the group with a calm sublimely indifferent. If ever Curtis was astonished, he should have been astonished then. But he gave no signs of astonishment. When he was informed of the mishap that had occurred to Beakbane, he faintly smiled. And when Maurice, suddenly remembering the purport of the message in the head of the statue, told Crampin about it, and threw even Crampin into an agitation, Curtis looked at his watch, and blandly remarked that it was ten minutes to midnight. Crampin hastened upstairs, and by the simple device of smashing the coherer and scattering its silver and nickel filings to the four corners of the room, rendered impotent the activities of the man at Berlin.

For three months Crampin remained concealed in the statue, and his existence there was never revealed to anyone but Emil Berger and Millicent. When the house of a pupil had ceased to bay, he ostentatiously went to live in the beautiful climate of Algiers, where his daughter and son-in-law visited him upon occasion. Scotland Yard was at a loss. But any official of Dartmoor will still assure the inquirer that escape is an impossibility. Illusions are adamant to the assault of facts.

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SKATING FATALITY.

Ed. Hughes, of New Westminster, Loses His Life Near Vancouver.

Vancouver, Jan. 2.—Three skaters broke through the ice of Trout lake, in the east end of the city yesterday afternoon. All were rescued except Ed. Hughes, aged 24, of New Westminster. He went in at a point only a few feet from the shore. Hughes' body was not recovered for an hour.

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED AT PRINCE RUPERT

Services Held in Churches—Children Are Entertained.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Prince Rupert, Jan. 1.—With the thermometer standing at several degrees above the freezing point, a cloudless sky, and the warm sunshine through the windows, the residents of Prince Rupert looked out upon an ideal Christmas morning. To most of them it was a novelty, being their first Christmas in the north, and to the majority who had been accustomed to a colder climate the mildness of the weather was indeed a revelation. The pioneers were besieged with questions as to the conditions that existed a year ago, before the G. T. P. railway construction work had been commenced, the townsfolk of its virgin timber and Knoxville, the mineral claim suburb where most of the population now reside, was but a dream.

A year ago there was but one mess-house where travellers could obtain a meal cooked by Chinamen, but now there are several good hotels where meals and accommodations can be had equal to those obtained in any other city in Canada. Many were the conjectures as to what another year would bring forth when lots have been sold and Prince Rupert has become a city with a population of several thousand people, instead of a busy little hamlet of about 700 as it is to-day.

Christmas services were held in all the churches, and the first mid-night mass celebrated in Prince Rupert was held in the Roman Catholic church, by Rev. Father Kientz. After the service Father Kientz was presented with a testimonial and a suitable gift by the members of his congregation.

A Christmas tree festival was held in the Presbyterian church on Christmas Eve, in which most of the Sunday school children took part. The programme was made up of songs, dialogues, and recitations, after which Rev. W. J. Kidd, pastor of the church, distributed the presents to the little ones, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The patients in the General hospital were remembered by the people of Prince Rupert on Christmas Day, when a subscription list was sent around and \$125.25 collected. With this money the committee made purchases, and each one of the 24 patients in the hospital was presented with a suit of underwear, two pairs of socks, a shirt, a handkerchief, pair of suspenders, a pipe, package of tobacco and a bag of candy. As nearly all of the patients are laboring men who have been disabled by explosions and other accidents on the railway construction, the gifts were much appreciated.

Although there are now scores of children in Prince Rupert, a year ago there were but thirteen and a group photograph of them appeared in the Christmas number of the Empire. This year a Christmas tree was erected in the Empire office, and for each of the little pioneers John Houston had provided what he considered suitable gifts. While looking after his little pioneers the veteran newspaper man did not forget his sixteen new-boys, and they, too, were remembered.

INDIAN VICTIM OF SINGULAR ACCIDENT

Gun Kicks While in Act of Shooting, Driving Hammer Into His Skull

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Clayouquet, Jan. 1.—A young Indian from Ahousmet met with a serious accident while shooting mink on Saturday. The gun kicked and drove the hammer through his rubber hat and into his skull. His canoe was upset and the man fell into the water. Notwithstanding that a portion of his brain was protruding from the wound, he righted his canoe and paddled four miles home. He was brought to hospital on Monday, where his wound was treated. At the time of writing he is doing nicely, but it is feared that meningitis will set in and prove fatal.

On Thursday evening, December 24th, nearly all the settlers in the district gathered at the lifeboat house for the Christmas tree entertainment. The married people brought well filled lunch baskets, and an excellent service was served. The bachelors had given about \$55 to provide gifts for the children. After supper Mr. McKenna acted as Santa Claus, and distributed the presents. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mr. F. F. Taylor, of Victoria, having spent a couple of weeks in the district hunting, is returning on this boat with a well filled bag of geese and ducks.

Burdette Garrard, eldest son of F. C. Garrard, has gone to Victoria to join Mr. Havelock. They will sail for England on January 5th.

Miss Braig has been visiting her cousin, Mr. F. C. McDonald, at Mosquito Harbor.

M. Kinney has taken W. J. Stone's place on the fireboat crew.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

John Hooper is Charged With Murder of Indian at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Jan. 1.—John Hooper was committed for trial by Magistrate Alexander Macdonald on the charge of having murdered an Indian named Florie McDonald on Christmas night. Hooper's story was that he had found the Indian lying outside, and had drawn him into the shack, where he had afterwards died. The story of Hooper's partner, Jones, did not materially contradict this. Hooper evinced no opposition when committed for trial. While Jones is held on a similar charge, it is a little questionable whether it will be proceeded with on the evidence. In the meantime he is being held in custody as a material witness.

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### NEW MEDICAL OFFICER.

Dr. Williams is Appointed By Lady Smith Council.

Ladysmith, Jan. 1.—At the weekly meeting of the city council Mayor Nicholson informed the aldermen that he had seen Dr. Frost, who had expressed himself highly pleased with the offer of the council, but that the doctor could not see his way clear to continue in the office of city medical health officer, on account of his professional work in connection with the Colliery Company. Dr. Frost had spoken in the highest terms of Dr. Williams' qualifications for the position.

It was moved by Ald. McKinnell and seconded by Ald. Campbell, and carried, that the resignation of Dr. Frost be accepted, and that Dr. Williams be appointed city medical health officer, services to commence January 1st.

HONORED BY CITIZENS.

W. A. Macdonald, of Nelson, Presented With Address and Silver Tea Service.

Nelson, Jan. 1.—W. A. Macdonald, K. C., city solicitor, who is leaving the city to reside at Vancouver, was presented with an address and a sterling silver tea service Wednesday night at a large and representative meeting of citizens. Mayor Taylor made the presentation on behalf of the citizens, and the address was joined in by representatives of the Conservative and Liberal associations, the board of trade and the Nelson club. Mr. Macdonald left for the coast to-day.

MORE PENNY POSTAGE.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—The two-cent postage rate between the United States and Germany became operative yesterday.

SAANICH MUNICIPALITY.

Election of School Trustees

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of Saanich, that I require the presence of said electors at the Municipal Office on Grandfather Avenue on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1909, at 12 o'clock (noon), for the purpose of electing two (2) persons as members of the Board of Trustees for the School District.

Any person being a householder in the School District, and being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible to be elected or to serve as a Trustee.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality, as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the nomination and 2 p. m. of the day of nomination.

The qualification for a Trustee shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner of land in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the Municipality of Saanich, of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise fully qualified as a voter.

The qualifications for a Councillor shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination, the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the Municipality of Saanich, of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise fully qualified as a voter.

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After the roll call, Mrs. Young, in a short address, welcomed the visitors from Vancouver, and then called on Miss Fraser, of the Lincoln High School, Seattle, to read a paper, Miss Fraser in her paper, which was entitled "The Service of the Library," dwelt upon the benefits of a public library to the community in general, and to the schools in particular. Miss Cann opened the discussion on Miss Fraser's paper and was followed briefly by Miss Smith.

Mrs. Farris, president of the University Women's Club of Vancouver, then gave an eloquent and inspiring address on the subject "The Inheritance of the Educated Canadian Woman." Mrs. Farris' address, which was given without notes, was very much appreciated, and was followed by an animated discussion, in which Mrs. Macgill, Mrs. Ryan and others took part.

The meeting then adjourned to the rooms of the Alexandra Club, where tea was served and a pleasant social time enjoyed by all. The visitors left by the Vancouver boat on Thursday evening.

The Victoria Nurses' Club will hold their usual monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon next, at half-past three, in the club rooms, Johnson street. It is urgently requested that all members attend, as most important business will be discussed in anticipation of the annual meeting in February.

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